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Christmas With Dickens



EIGHTY-ONE years have passed since Charles Dickens gave to a delighted world the first of his far too few Christmas stories, whose tenderness, humour, and great-hearted humanity made him the most beloved of British authors. It was in the autumn of 1843, when he was living with his young family in Devonshire Terrace, Regent's Park, that "A Christmas Carol, in Prose—being a 'Ghost story for Christmas,'" was written (like most of Dickens' work) at high pressure. At the time he was working on "Chuzzlewit"—a race against time; but it was no less important that the "Carol" should make its appearance for Christmas.

Thus week after week he was at his desk a dozen hours or more a day, exhausting himself and his nerves to a dangerous extent. And the London streets, covering a dozen or fifteen miles before, in the early hours of the morning, he sought his bed. "He never left home," we read, "before the owls went out, and led the most solitary of lives." And as with "The Chimes" a year later, as he wrote "The Carol" he "laughed and wept again, and excited himself in the most extraordinary manner."

"The Carol" was quick to find its way into the hearts of the reading public.



It was a direct appeal of heart to heart such as few, if any, could resist. Copies were sold in thousands, as fast as they could be produced; Dickens was deluged with letters from all parts of the world, full of gratitude and admiration.

The manuscript of "The Carol" has had many vicissitudes since Dickens presented it to his old school-fellow, Thomas Milton. Fifty years ago it was sold for \$250 to a bookseller, Mr. Harvey, who resold it to George Churchill, a collector. In 1882 it changed hands again for \$1,000; and a little later was sold for \$1,500 to Stuart Samuel, of Kensington Palace Gardens. Of its later history nothing definite is known.

On November 4, 1844, Dickens wrote the last word of "The Chimes," probably the most beautiful and best-loved of his Christmas stories, and, as he put down his pen and looked down from this study window on the waters of the Mediterranean, mirroring the blue Italian sky, the tears began to stream down his cheeks, and, resting his head on his hands, he "sobbed like a child."

Some minutes later he took up his pen again and wrote these words to his friend, John Forster: "Half past two, afternoon. 'Thank God! I have just finished 'The Chimes.' I take up my pen only to say that much and to add that I have had what women call a 'real good cry.'"

For weeks he had been writing at high pressure, "in a fever of inspiration." He had lived with and for his book; and as his pen flew over the sheets he laughed and cried with his characters, and generally, as he confessed, "behaved like an idiot." And when at last he had to say good-bye to them it was as though he stood by the graveside of loved ones. "Day after day," he says, "I was in my bath at seven o'clock and an hour later I was working at my desk, blazing away, resolutely and red-hot, for seven or eight hours at a stretch, until my hand refused to work any more."

"I had almost finished the story, and, rack my brains as I would and did, I simply could not think of a title. Then one morning as I sat down at my desk, the bells of Genoa broke, as if by one consent, into a merry, almost deafening peal; and I had it 'The Chimes.' 'The Chimes!' That was the very title I wanted, but could not find."

A month after Dickens had wiped the tears off his eyes in Genoa he was reading "The Chimes" to a group of friends in his study in London, to such an accompaniment of laughter and tears as surely no book before had ever, and a week later all London was talking of the wonderful Christmas story and clamouring for copies. On the day of publication it is said 20,000 copies were sold, and before the year closed the book had added \$7,500 to Dickens' bank balance.

A little later the story was dramatized, and when the play was read to a group of actors, it is said, Macready and Gilbert a' Beckett were "so overcome with emotion that Mr. Forster was obliged to suspend the reading until they had recovered."

So brilliantly successful had his first two Christmas stories been that Dickens set to work with a light heart on number three; though in addition to much other work, he was in thick of harassing labour and anxieties of launching a newspaper—the Daily News. He had hoped to start a weekly paper, which he proposed to call the "Cricket" with the motto: "A cheerful creature that chirups on the hearth," but as this was impossible with his hands so full, he wrote at a great expenditure of nervous energy, a Christmas story which he dubbed the "Cricket on the Hearth," which, to his delight, proved as successful as its predecessors.

Christmas Joy

THE universal joy of Christmas is certainly wonderful. We ring the bells when princes are born, or toll a mournful dirge when great men pass away. Nations have their red-letter days, their carnivals and festivals, but once in the year and only once, the whole world stands still to celebrate the advent of a life. Only Jesus of Nazareth claims this worldwide, undying remembrance. You cannot cut Christmas out of the Calendar, nor out of the heart of the world—Anon.

down in the show windows, risking our lives, clothes and watchchain (you never get home with more than one of the three) and are lucky enough at that getting through the cursing-scoolding crowd inside; and trying to persuade the deeply offended shop girls to let us have the parcels we paid for; why, even long before then we have lost whatever self-respect we used to possess.

In Berlin there is no rush. People move around very deliberately and calculate in their minds at every new discovery how much cheaper they will be able to buy the thing during the sale in January. Consequently Christmas shopping is a very steady-going affair, while in January all thrifty German housewives fight like manna to get the best bargains.

In England people become even more English than usual during December. Everybody moves in the crowd as if he were alone in the world, there are more "Sorrays," more polite holding the doors for other people, more conventional tradition to follow than at any other time of the year.

The festive season has not always been associated with turkey, plum pudding, and the other dainties we now link up with it. But it has always been a time of good cheer. In the old days, however, the boar's head was the traditional Christmas dish.



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Shopping Abroad at Christmas

ONE would think that Christmas shopping and Christmas feeling would be the same all over the earth where Christmas is celebrated. But they are, funnily enough, just as different for instance, as an Englishman and a Frenchman. It seems as if the constant moving or not moving at all in crowds and the also constant paying out of good money calls forth the most primitive instincts in people and makes all nations revert to their own antediluvian selves during the month of Christmas shopping.

Take New York for instance. We all know they have tons of money and great gifts for advertising. We also know that when we worm our way through their blazing city in electric colors swarming with Santa Clauses driving real imported reindeer and enter their stores, full of the most luxurious gifts to be had for millions, we can, with a good conscience kick and punch ourselves to our cavern's heart content without any risk of being rudeness to any other people are.

In Paris people haven't got the physical strength of the Yankees, which makes them all the more voracious. By the time we have passed the scolding cursing army of children aged 1 to 70 years, queuing up to see "Zig and Blue" and other comic strip heroes bob up and



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"A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE"



DEAR FRIENDS:

It gives me pleasure to comply with the request of the publisher of The Enterprise for a Christmas message for you, and so I will add another to the conferences of past years on Christmas topics.

The charitable and human side of the Christ feast will be well presented to you by the press, the radio, the church services, the exchange of gifts and greetings, and the festivities of the season. So I will speak to you, as is my custom, about Christ. Perhaps I could intrigue your interest by discussing the meaning of the atonement, for that is the chief note in the character of our Lord.

The term atonement is one of the few terms that the English language has given to theology. It is composed of the two words, at one, and it means the satisfaction, whereby Christ reconciled God and the world. The keen minds of Christian teachers have wonderfully explored this idea and an enormous literature has grown up around it. As is usually the case, a more exact understanding of it came through an age-long sifting and refining of opinions on the subject.

Fore-shadows of the atonement in the Old Testament were the liberation of the chosen people from the Egyptian bondage, and the saving of their first born from the destroying angel. Among the celebrated prophecies of the Old Law, it is usual to cite those of Isaiah: "But he was wounded for our iniquities, he was bruised for our sins and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all—he was offered because it was his own will."

In the New Testament we have quotations from the words of Jesus, whereby He explains the nature of his atoning mission. Among many, these may be cited: "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost," for the Son of Man is not come to be ministered unto, but to serve, and to give his life a redemption for many. From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the ancients and scribes and chief priests, and be put to death, and the third day rise again."

The apostles and their assistant teachers made the atonement wrought by Christ the burden of their instruction, explaining it in various terms and under striking figures. Saint Peter tells them: "You were not redeemed with corruptible things as gold and silver, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without spot and undefiled." And Saint Paul, who has been accused of inventing the doctrine of the atonement, seems to have forestalled the critics by declaring that the doctrine was not made by him, but given to him from Jesus. He says: "For I delivered unto you first of all, which I also received; how that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures." From this it stands out that the passion and death of Christ were a cause of liberation from sin, and a medium of reconciliation between God and man. Herein all were agreed and of one idea.

But the analytic mind of man was not satisfied with out a more precise account of the nature of the atonement and of the manner of its accomplishment. This gave rise to a variety of opinions, some utterly wrong, some absurd, some partly right, but all co-operating to clarify the subject at last with what clearness the mind can apprehend it. We find the Greek fathers cutting away from the bold figures of ransom, payment of a price, bondage, captivity, etcetera. They got away from legs figures and sought the explanation in the fact of the divine incarnation. They said, "His flesh was saved, and made free first of all, and we are saved by the same; for the presence of the Saviour in the flesh was the price of death and the saving of the whole creation."

The bold figures used by the scriptures to describe man's bondage to sin and his release from captivity, led other writers into opinions that now look absurd. A strange notion of some rights of Satan was developed and it was thought that the price of man's spiritual redemption was paid to the devil. Saint Gregory tried to cry down this error, but it was not until the time of Peter Abelard, that romantic figure of the middle ages, that it received the death stroke. Abelard proved the only "right" that Satan could possess in connection with the fall and corruption of man was a right to punishment. On examination, this view seemed not only true, but self-evident.

In the age of the Norman conquest of Britain, many scholars were unsatisfied with the explanation of the doctrine of the atonement. They requested Anselm, archbishop of Canterbury, a saint and doctor of the church, to give them some new light on the subject. Anselm wrote a familiar little treatise called: "Cur Deus Homo," and it starts a new epoch in the theology of the atonement.

Anselm explained the redemption on the basis of satisfaction for sin. A debt to divine justice had been incurred which must be paid. Man himself could not make an equivalent satisfaction, for the debt was greater than he could pay. Honor or satisfaction is measured by the one offering it; whereas the offense was measured by the dignity of the one offended. In the case of sin, this disparity was as great as the inequality between God and man—that is, infinite or beyond measure. A man or an angel could not make this satisfaction, and so Anselm said it should be done by one who was both God and man.

Peter Abelard admitted this view as partly correct, but he said the explanation of the atonement was to be found,



not so much in satisfaction as in the pure love of God. He insisted that God could have pardoned man without satisfaction. He said the reason for the incarnation and death of Christ was the pure love of God, and by no other means could man be so well turned away from sin and moved to love his creator. Bernard, the immortal abbot of Clairvaux, fought Abelard's opinion at first, but finally swung around to it, saying, "Perhaps that method was best whereby we might be reminded vividly of our fall, through the so great sufferings of him who repaired it."

The opinion that at last prevailed was a combination of the theory of satisfaction of Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, and that of the pure mercy and love of God advocated by Peter Abelard.

Later theologians admit a conditional necessity for the satisfaction offered by our Lord. He was free to offer, and he Eternal Father was free to accept a full satisfaction for the sins of men, but the restoration of fallen man remains a work of God's free mercy and faithfully love. Most of those theories discussed above had perils, if isolated and stressed beyond due limits, but the acceptance of what was true in each of them brought the respectable doctrine to the end.

When the atonement is said to be a reconciliation with God, it does not mean that God hated mankind before and afterwards began to love them. For the revelation is that God hates nothing of the things that he has created, and moreover, he says: "Yes, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore have I drawn thee, taking pity on thee." The reconciliation is rather the taking away of sin, in which is the cause of estrangement between God and his creatures. Moreover, the wrath of God must not be understood in the same sense as wrath of men. If wrath be said of God, it means a manifestation of his divine anarchy, which is incompatible with sin.

Some have thought that the atonement is an unjust punishment of the innocent for the guilty. As said before, it was the free sacrifice of the loving Christ for his guilty brethren, and as such accepted by the Eternal Father on their behalf. Mr. H. G. Wells, in his Outline of History, says that the atonement was borrowed from Easterns of antiquity, who applied blood on themselves as a mode of release from sin. That is not the source of the doctrine at all. Nor is the physical death of Christ considered itself alone the cause of redemption; but rather is it the result of that death freely undertaken from love, and because of the personal union of God and man in the Saviour offering it.

In the atonement we find, on the part of God, how his wisdom conciliated his attributes of justice and mercy; on the part of Christ we find a manifestation of his too great love for us, and an acquiring of the glorious dignity of mediator between God and mankind. In St. Luke's gospel, he says to the disciples whom he met on the road to Emmaus: "O foolish and slow of heart to believe in all things which the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and so to enter into his glory?" On the part of man, it is for an instruction on the malice of sin, and in the value of his own soul, for he is told that he was bought with a great price.

Christ has given us many warnings, lest human sloth, dishonesty to understand spiritual things, and our tendency to drive a hard bargain even with God, deceive us as to our part in working out our salvation. If nothing remains for us to do to be saved, what meaning would there be in these words of Christ: "If any man will come after

me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me—for he that will save his life will lose it, and he that shall lose his life for my sake shall find it."

In the economy of the redemption Christ played his perfect part, rendering a satisfaction to the Almighty Father for all men and for all sins, working a redemption to us enough to redeem many worlds. But for the adult Christian, the way of salvation remains the way of the commandments and the way of penance. There is a story in the gospel of a young man (St. Luke calls him a ruler) who came to discuss with Christ the matter of his salvation. "And a certain ruler asked him saying: Good Master what shall I do to possess life everlasting?" Now I am going to call your attention to some things that the Master did not say. He did not say to this young man: "Life everlasting? Why, haven't you heard, I am going to work out your salvation for you; you do not need to work."

The Master engaged him in conversation, and he looked upon this youth with great personal affection. St. Mark says that the man's respect for Christ was so great that he knelt down in the way before him, pleading for enlightenment to save his soul. Jesus said to him: "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments."

For those who cannot say: "All these commandments have I kept from my youth," the way of salvation is the way of penance. Among the texts of the Old Testament which show light on this point, many prefer that of Ezekiel, where he says: "But if the wicked do penance for all his sins which he hath committed, and keep all my commandments, and do judgment and justice, living, he shall live and shall not die. It is my will that a sinner should die, with the Lord God, and not that he should be converted from his ways and live?"

Nor did Christ fail to confirm the necessity of penance by his preaching in the New Law. They told him of a man-servant by the Romans among the people of Galilee. Jesus said to them: "Think you that these Galileans were sinners above all the men of Galilee, because they suffered such things? No, I say to you, unless you shall do penance, you shall all likewise perish!"

The necessity of penance, and the fact that God will accept as penance the miseries of this life, patiently borne, give a spiritual value to the hard things of life. That explains why the God of all goodness has put his children in a world of so many miseries. It is given to almost everyone to feel at some time or other, like the patriarch Job, that the life of man upon earth is a warfare, and his days are like the days of a hiredling. Job says: "My soul is weary of life. I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. Many hours of woman, living for a short time, is filled with many miseries, who cometh forth like a flower, and is destroyed, and fleeth as a shadow, and never continueth in the same state."

Resignation is not resignation, but it were childish not to face the facts of life. The years like great black oxen tread the world, and God, the herdsman, goes on behind. Life pours down upon the world its invading hordes, and nature eliminates, not suddenly and painlessly, but by the slow process of sickness, decay, and death. In the days of Job, in our own days, in the days of Robert Burns, the story of life is all the same:

Look not, alon on youthful prime,
Or manhood's active might;
But see him on the edge of life,
With tress and sorrows worn;
Then age and woe, O, ill-matched pair—
Show man was made to mourn.

Life is easier and better in some countries now than it was in ages past. As man progresses from a lower to a better civilization many of the agonies of primitive peoples are alleviated. But the total of human misery averages about the same from age to age. One reason is that with advances of refinement, desires for more are awakened, and man feels his miseries the more as he loses his ruggedness and hardihood. Mass production and equal distribution of material goods will help a lot to make the world less a vale of tears.

The poor think that wealth is the balm in Gilead. But for prince or pauper the ills of life are much the same. For Prince Hamlet, no less than for the meanest of his subjects, life has its fardels to bear, its pangs of despoiled love, the contumely of the proud, the insolence of office, and the thousand ills that flesh is heir to.

Let it be a consolation to us that the Lord and Master of life did not exempt himself from the common lot of man. He did not lay upon our backs burdens that he would not touch with the finger tip. But he willingly took upon himself a larger share of misery than ever he allowed any of his children. He is the man of sorrows of all the world's sad history, a man acquainted with infirmity from the day of his birth in the stable at Bethlehem to his death upon the hard gibbet of the cross. Having joy set before him, he chose the cross. He showed us how to transform the base metal of life's miseries into spiritual values precious beyond all price. Pain cannot be escaped, but it can be made of value.

Vainly do we seek escape in the spirit of rebellion, or in the grosser debaucheries of life. Tam O'Shanter tried that way:

"Kings may be blest, but Tam was glorious
O'er a' the ills o' life victorious.
But pleasures are like poppies spread,
You seize the flow'r, its bloom is shed;
Or like snow flakes on the river,
A moment white—then melt forever."

So Tam found it and many another.

God allows His children to suffer in order to help their spiritual development. So Tobias could say: "For we have not obeyed thy commandments, therefore are we delivered to spoil and to captivity, and to death, and are made a fable, and a reproach to all nations among whom thou hast scattered us." The angel advised both Tobias and his son that: "Prayer is good with fasting and alms more than to lay up treasures of gold."

Here we have the three-fold satisfaction that we may make to God for sin: goods of fortune, which are almsgiving; goods of the soul, which are prayer, and goods of the body, which are penitential pain. But God in his goodness will accept the inevitable pains of life as penance for our sins under certain conditions, namely, that we suffer them patiently and offer them to God as a satisfaction in union with the suffering and death of Christ.

Thus are the ills of humanity made to serve a great purpose; thus do we find strength to endure them patiently; thus do we turn aside most of their bitterness; thus is effected the carry-over of value from this life into the next; thus is worked the supremacy of the mind over bodily pain. And in the case of the saints, we find them accepting with avidity such ills of life as came their way. It is said that Jean de Brebeuf, when the Iroquois tortured him to death, kissed the stake to which they tied him and roasted him alive, for it was to him the gibbet on which God allowed him to suffer and so to enter into His glory.

To accept the harsh law of labor, and to accept life's inevitable pain in a penitential spirit, is not giving way to a spirit of hopelessness. No, the earth is ours and the fulness thereof, to get what we can out of it. The primal blessing was: "And God said: Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed upon the earth, and all trees that have in themselves seed of their own kind, to be your meat; and all beasts of the earth, every fowl of the air, and all that move upon the earth, and wherein there is life, that they may have to feed upon."

Although we are counselled to patience in pain and want, one of the chief points of the Master's teaching is the duty of all to cure the distress of others. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." This is the repeated teaching of our Lord and of the church. He taught it in some of the liveliest stories and parables in the pages of literature. His disciples carried that message to the meretricious pagan world of their time. It became the heaven that worked in the mountains of human cruelty. It is the principle of whatever of kindness and brotherly love, and regards for the rights of the weak, that we find in the world today. How altogether fitting it is that his birthday should be the world's greatest love-fest. No feasts of battles fought, nor freedom won, nor empires founded, can compare with the birthday of Christ the Saviour. O world, pour forth your kindly spirit; O nations, lay aside your cruel strife; O human hearts, express your sentiments of brotherly love, for it is the feast day of Him who was our Redeemer, our Teacher, our Father and our Guide to the good things of this life and of the world to come.

A Happy Christmas be once again my kindly wish for you all.

Sincerely yours,
REV. R. J. DONOVAN,
Bellevue, Alberta.

Local and General Items

Davis Kemp has returned from a visit to Kansas City.

It used to be the style to have our appendix out, but now it's our telephone.

Mr. A. J. Shulman, travelling passenger agent of the C.P.R., stopped off here for a few hours during last week.

Alexander William Crum, principal of the Pincher Creek public schools, died suddenly following an operation on Monday.

Getting married is like a newspaper that is off the press. Errors that were overlooked are conspicuous when it is too late to correct them.

Will the members of the I.O.D.E. please send their Christmas Cheer donations to the home of Mrs. Banman by next Tuesday, December the 22nd.

According to daily press reports, the government of Newfoundland has submitted to Canada a proposal, offering to sell Labrador for \$100,000,000 net.

Pincher Creek's hockey intermediates were defeated by Blairmore on the local arena last night to the tune of 14-4. There was a good turnout to witness the game.

A mosquito ventured out into the wintry elements on Thursday afternoon of last week, and was banged to death on the window of F. M. Thompson Co's main store. No flowers!

Alberta's 1932 motor license plates will be ready for distribution in the Christmas-New Year week. They will be similar to the 1931 British Columbia plates, black lettering on a white background.

Mistletoe is a small parasitic growth which appears on certain types of trees. In ancient times, it was thought to have great magical properties and it was always in evidence during the holiday season.

Remember the Elks' draw for the Christmas cheer fund, to take place at the office of the Crows' Nest Past Motors on Monday evening next. A number of turkeys are to be drawn for at 8 p.m.

A German chemist is said to have treated slices of a pine log so that they taste like juicy steaks. Now, if he will only tell some cooks how not to make a juicy steak taste like a slice from a pine log.

Corporal and Mrs. J. J. Weaver announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Bertha Lillian Ramsey to Bernard Arthur Beal, son of Mrs. James Beal, of Bellevue, the marriage to take place early in the new year.

A special attraction has been arranged for Christmas Day at the local arena, to start at 4 p.m. with a hockey game between two local lady teams, to be followed by a men's basketball game. Both these events should attract good crowds on the holiday eve. Admission 25 cents.

As we go to press, we are sorry to learn of the death of Thomas Roe, prominent timber dealer, which occurred suddenly at Fernie yesterday. Mr. Roe was in Blairmore but ten days ago, and was in apparent good health. He has a brother, residing in Calgary.

Although local stores are filled to the brim with all things suggestive and suitable for the Christmas season, it is regrettable to see money being sent out of the district. Money being sent out is not wisely spent. You have at this particular time to look largely for the support of the local merchants towards the needs of the National Emergency Fund local committee. Try and get one solitary cent from any foreign concern for such local purpose. If you are successful in the smallest degree, then we will perhaps, somewhat agree with you that you are acting wisely in depriving Blairmore of the use and circulation of your money.

The recent by-election at Red Deer cost the province \$2,906.31.

Weather is so mild at present one is tempted to revive "When It's Springtime in the Rockies."

Friday last was celebrated by the Lethbridge Daily Herald as its 24th birthday. Congratulations.

Some towns in Alberta have, by proclamation, declared Saturday, December the 26th, a civic holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wood have returned to Coleman, after spending her last year or more at New Denver and Nelson.

Wishing a person a Merry Christmas on an empty stomach is a hollow wish. Say it with something more tangible.

Christmas is not recognized as falling on the 26th of December everywhere. Several races, such as the Armenians, celebrate January 1st instead.

A census of the town discloses the fact that Santa Claus will this year have to provide for close on to six hundred kiddies of twelve years and under.

Rev. Dr. C. C. McLaughlin, superintendent of Baptist missions in Alberta for twenty years, is to act as pastor of Hillhurst Baptist church, Calgary, for the next three months.

An important addition has been made to the name of the world heavyweight boxing champion. Complete, the name now is: Max Schmeling Anderson.

Travelers in Pullman cars are now being offered "radio pillows," contain miniature broadcast receiver that enable them to tune in without disturbing their fellow passengers.

Percy Neilson, aged about fifty-five, postmaster at Pincher Station and cultured Old Countryman, dropped dead on the station platform at Pincher on Saturday morning.

Deer are reported plentiful in certain parts of the Foothills, coyotes are becoming scarcer, a few beavers are hovering around Blairmore and Bassano districts, and bulldogs are thriving at Bellevue.

W. A. Vaughn, local district driver for the Western Canada Wholesale Company, Ltd., of Fernie, left here by last night's train to spend Christmas with his mother at Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

Surprise packages attracted unusual interest at the F. M. Thompson Co. store on Saturday last and were like hot cakes. Some kiddies liked the old saying that good stuff is very often found in small parcels.

Rev. Roy Taylor, of First United church, is the champion archer at Lethbridge to date. He has won two trophies in the Gyro trophy shoot in Hayes Moore's show rooms. Seventh street south, the only turkey so far won by any who have tried their hand at archery. Rev. M. Taylor, who was with Canada's fighting services overseas, started at Gyros yesterday by making two bull eyes, two inners and two magpies and he is the only person to date to hit the bullseye.

Two lady school teachers from the Eastern States, spending their sabbatical year exploring Western Canada, stopped at a small and old-fashioned hotel in Alberta recently. One of the pair is inclined to be worrisome when traveling, and she couldn't resist until she had made a tour of the corridors to hunt out insects in case of fire.

The first door she opened, unfortunately, turned out to be that of the public bath, occupied at the moment by an elderly gentleman taking a shower. "Oh, excuse me!" the lady stammered, flustered, "I'm looking for the fire escape," then ran away hurriedly. To her dismay, she hadn't got far along the corridor when she heard a shout behind her and looking around, saw the gentleman wearing only a towel, running after her, "Where's the fire?" he yelled.

Yuletide Ceremonies

Many of Our Customs Are Carried Over From the Old Past, When Feasting Meant Something.

Our ancestors had numerous ceremonies pertaining to Christmas that are half forgotten to-day.

There was a pretty superstition connected with the decoration of houses with evergreen. It was believed that sylphs or sprites might steal the decorations and remain unmissed by frost until a milder season.

The popular expression, "sub rosa," meaning anything told in confidence, was derived from the old custom of guests wearing chaplets of holly, mistletoe, ivy and rosemary at the annual festivals where a rose generally was hung over the table. The expression, "beneath the mistletoe," is said to have the same derivation.

And then we learn of the old superstition that oxen tell on their knees on Old Christmas, January 6. The belief was based on the medieval notion that the cattle in the stable, witnessing the Nativity, fell upon their knees in supplication.

Those who know something of the times of Charles II. are familiar with the satirical menus served guests by the noble hosts of that day. And these among the readers of these lines who insist they will dine sumptuously when partaking of their roast turkey, cranberry sauce and all the "fixings," when the day of days arrives, should meditate on the following account of an almost unbelievable Christmas pile which is about in the Newcastle Chronicle, January 3, 1770:

"Monday last was brought from Howick to Berwick, to be shipped to London, for Sir Hen. Grey, bart., a pile, the contents whereof are as follows, viz.: 2 bushels of flour, 20 pounds of butter, 4 geese, 2 turkeys, 7 rabbits, 4 wild ducks, 2 woodcocks, 6 snipes and 4 partridges; 3 nests of tongues, 2 curlews, 7 blackbirds, and 4 pigeons. The Christmas pie was made by Mrs. Dorothy Patterson, housekeeper at Howick. It is near 9 feet in circumference at the bottom, weighs about 12 stones, will take 2 men to present it at table; it is neatly fitted with a case and four small wheels to facilitate its use to every guest that inclines to partake of its contents at table."

ROSE PETAL CHAINS

Rarely Performed Necklaces Easily Made by Amateurs.

Why not utilize the rose petals for Christmas presents? Fill some pottery jars with them and the spices will aid in capturing the rose fragrance and keeping it for years.

Wonderful chains can be made from them which are a continued delight. Put the leaves through the food chopper each day for seven days and stir between times.

Keep them in an old iron kettle which is somewhat rusty, as the action of the iron rust and some quality in the rose petals work together to make the finished product beautiful.

At the end of seven days, with the aid of a little water for moistening, the macerated petals may be carefully formed into any desired shape or size and placed in rows on pins to dry and harden, and also to make the necessary openings for the string.

The rare scent of the rose garden always clings to them and they may be used to impart to the daily lingerie when not being worn.

BLESSING RIVER DANUBE

Curious Customs Followed for Centuries in Rumania.

It has been the custom in Rumania from time immemorial to bless the Danube on Christmas day. A procession of artists and people dressed to represent Biblical characters moves through the streets singing chants and so to the bank of the river. The ice is broken, and a small wooden cross is thrown into the water. Any one who can recover this cross is regarded as extremely fortunate and sure of good luck for the year to come.

NATURE'S FABRIC.

Birch Bark Makes Unusual and Pretty Christmas Gifts.

The birch, when it gets too big for its clothes, cracks the bark a few layers at a time, and the wind pulls off long, thin streamers of exquisite tints of silvery white or dusky brown, from which boxes and baskets may be fashioned for Christmas which are out of the ordinary. Rustic looking place cards may be made for the friend who gives unique luncheons. The camper friends might find napkin rings made of it convenient.



Christmas and the Birds.

It is said that no peasant in Sweden will sit down with his children to Christmas dinner until he has provided food for the birds. The farmers erect poles in their dooryards in which sheafs of grain are bound to provide for the birds during the season when vegetation is covered with snow and ice.

Robin Hood Died Christmas Eve. That it was on Christmas Eve in the year 1327 that the last descendant of a noble house, one "Robin Hood," bid good-by to his doleful company and "Little John," and breathed his last beneath the ancient oaks that witnessed their bold escapades.

Think It Over. A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

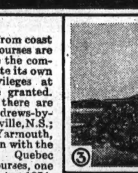
Golf Is Golf From Coast To Coast

Golf has assumed such an important proportion in the make-up of modern everyday life that it constitutes a very real phase of the activities of those who serve the public. The Canadian Pacific Railway is such a one and its train services to golf courses and established arrangements for guests at its many hotels to enjoy the game are the practical interpretation of its desire to maintain the traditions of 50 years of meeting the requirements of the Canadian people



THE PICTURES

(1) Looking from the fairway at the first tee, pavilion and Banff Springs Hotel, at Banff, Alta. The Spray River (left) forms a scenic water-hazard. This course is a mile above sea-level in the heart of the beautiful Rocky Mountains. (2) On the famous course at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, N.S. (3) The 13th tee at the Oak Bay Golf Club, Victoria, B.C. Note the perspective to show players a glimpse of what they have to cope with. Golf is played the year round on this course.



and their visitors. From coast to coast, excellent courses are available and where the company does not operate its own links, playing privileges at first-class clubs are granted.

In the Maritimes, there are courses at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, N.S.; Kentville, N.S.; Digby, N.S.; and Yarmouth, N.S. All in connection with the company's hotels. Quebec City has two fine courses, one club dating back to 1874.

Montreal has the oldest club in Canada, the Royal Montreal, founded in 1873, which today boasts two championship 18-hole courses. Other Clubs are numerous and good. Toronto, too, has many excellent links, including the Royal York Golf Club, where guests at the Royal York Hotel have playing privileges. Ontario abounds in courses, all along the Canadian Pacific's line. Bungalow camps at French River and Kenora (Lake of the Woods) have sports 9-hole courses for their patrons. Throughout the Prairie Provinces, golf is available at all the larger centres, while the Banff Springs Hotel Golf course is among the best in the country.

In the West, the numerous overseas visitors who play it each summer, Vancouver and Victoria offer ready hospitality, the latter standing unique among Canadian golf centres, in that the game is played throughout the 12 months of the year, the annual mid-winter tournament for the E. W. Healey Challenge Cup, run by the Canadian Pacific Railway, being an outstanding feature of the golf calendar.

The children of local Pythian families will be tendered their annual Christmas Tree in the lodge hall tomorrow (Friday) evening, commencing with a supper at 5.30.

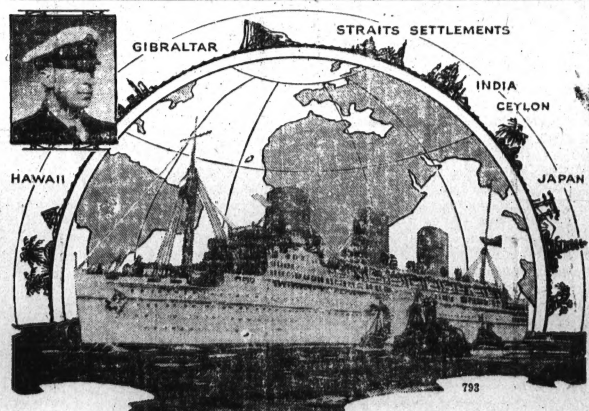
She: "I'm through with Freddie!" He: "How come, dearie?" She: "I heard him telling Jack that he tried out Ethyl in his Studebaker last night."

Charles Ernest Neill, vice-president and managing director of the Royal Bank of Canada, died at Montreal yesterday.

Accidents due to punctured tires have caused the Michigan highway department to experiment with a magnetic machine to pick up pieces of metal from roads. The machine, which is a rotary electro magnet hinged to the back of a truck, has operated over the roads of southern Michigan since May.

Believe it or not: If a cannon ball were heated to the temperature of the center of the sun—50,000,000 degrees—the pressure of the light it emitted would knock down anyone who came within fifty miles of it.

Cruises Around World After First Season



Tired, like any debutante after the hectic gaieties of her first season, the young lady who, immediately after her presentation at the Court of King Neptune last May, became a leader of society, leaves shortly for a leisurely cruise around the world.

The young lady in question, the 42,500-ton Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Britain" has just concluded her first Atlantic season during which her parties, amongst the most brilliant ever held on the Western Ocean, have been attended by more representatives of rank and fashion than Ward McAllister dreamed of.

Princes, Ambassadors, Earls, Viscounts, Barons, Knights of many of the highest orders of chivalry, and their ladies have vied for her favour; and the highest aristocracy of North America, the noble Tropic Indians, paid their homage when they conferred Chieftainship upon Captain R. G. Latta (nast) commander of the Empress of Britain, and Commodore of the Canadian Pacific fleet.

Regaining the Blue Ribband of the Atlantic for the British Empire on her second voyage by making the crossing to Father Point, Quebec, in four days 12 hours, 30 minutes, thus breaking the previous record to continue record by four hours and 58 minutes, the Empress of Britain did not rest on her laurels, and since that date has broken her own record on five other occasions. On her last voyage of the season she crossed in seven hours and 49 minutes less than the best record between Cherbourg and New York.

Starting December 3rd, from New York, the Empress will visit 30 ports before, after a complete circle of the world, she returns to the Atlantic. Her guests will bring back with them when they reach New York again, April 8th, 1932, fragrant memories of Madeira, Gibraltar, Algeria, Monaco, France, Italy, Greece, Palestine, Egypt, India, Ceylon, Sumatra, Java, Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States, Siam, the Philippines, China, Japan, Hawaii, Panama and Cuba.

She will be the largest and fastest vessel ever to cruise around the world.

SANTA CLAUS SENDS A TELEGRAM



From Russia, whose Saint Nicholas, traveling West, tarried in other lands, we got our Santa Claus; from the forests of the North, our Christmas tree; from Palestine, the Christ Child Himself, the Star, the wise men and the shepherds; from Merrie England, the boar's head, the plum pudding, the mince pie, and Charles Dickens, whose good spirits came little short of actually creating the modern Christmas.

Not satisfied with giving only the turkey to the feast, not to be outdone by the Old World, the New World gave the happiest of all seasons its Christmas telegram and cablegram. Haughty dowagers, petite flappers with saucy carmine lips, exuberant college youths, ro-tund business men, bundle-laden housewives, olive-skinned women of broken speech—all these rub shoulders at our railway tele-graph counters when December rolls around. Sending Christmas greetings by wire has become an established Canadian custom. Santa Claus, who is credited with being everywhere at the same time, would be nowhere without his helpers and now he has enrolled scores of telegraph messengers to do his bidding.

Kalla Christongema writes the son of Sparta or the daughter of Athens; the German, who has made so much of the glad season, says Froliche Weihnachten; the Norwegian recalls the ancient Yule with his Glaedelig Jul; while the good Venetian will wire Buon Natale. In whatever language they say it, it means Merry Christmas as whole-heartedly.

The telegraph organization offers a multitude of services. Particularly at the Christmas holiday season does it have a useful but crowded career. Santa Claus never added a regiment of more faithful workers to his army of cheerful helpers than his henchmen of the railway telegraphs.

Since there is no mail delivery on Christmas Day, thousands of people use the telegraph to take their message of good-will into the homes of their relatives and friends. All ends are bent to the Christmas morning delivery of those wires of glad tidings. Uniformed messengers deliver the bright words in their gay Christmas envelopes at the time when holiday sentiment is at its climax. The greetings have not lost their value by a premature appearance; neither is there the feeling of disappointment over tardy arrival.

One of the latest Christmas telegraph uses is to wire a present in the shape of money, accompanied by an explanatory telegram that the lucky receiver is to buy that which lies closest to his heart within the limit of the remittance. There is no line-up at the exchange wicket or embarrassing explanations for the friends of these thoughtful telegraph users. "When in doubt, send flowers" goes the social maxim. Here again the telegraph plays a Yuletide part, in close co-operation with the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association.

Thousands of strands of copper-wire loop Canada together in firm bonds of friendship at Christmastide.

CHRISTMAS

Now that Christmas is just around the corner again, one expects to encounter the abbreviated "Xmas" in many places, and hear many complaints and protests from those who object to this shortening of the word "Christmas."

One objection to shortening Christmas to Xmas is the pitfall of pronunciation. With the use of the brief form has grown a tendency to read it "Exmas," an unpardonable barbarism. So pronounced, the word is quite open to the criticisms of it which clergyman and others have expressed.

X, however, as an abbreviation of Christ, has a history as old almost as Christianity. In catacomb inscriptions it stands for Christus, the first letter being chi. The letter X, the English equivalent of Chi, meaning Christ, has the sanction of ancient usage unquestionably.

Dictionaries and encyclopedias include Xmas among the abbreviations of recognized standing, also Xn for Christian. They do not stigmatize it as colloquial or vulgar. Still, there is a feeling for words that impels most persons with a verbal conscience to spell Christmas out in full. To many, Christmas is a beautiful word, while Xmas is not.

On the score of good taste the appeal for the disuse of Xmas is persuasive. However, circumstances can alter cases. Certainly not even the ministry object to use of the contracted form in the newspaper headline, where space is as precious as it was on the tablets of the catacombs.

Xmas is a respectful term to those who look upon the Xmas symbolical of the Christian cross, and it is unlikely any would object to its use if this symbolism were universally recognized.—Ex.

SUCCESS

Every boy and girl must have certain assets to achieve success— not material assets alone, but assets of character, and among the most important of these are ambition, industry, personality, and thrift.

Ambition is the will to attain something. The desired object may be knowledge, or honor, or power; but whatever it is, the ambition to reach it must be backed up by the willingness to work for it. Mere wishes accomplish little without the aid of earnest application and industry.

The asset of personality is more elusive and seems to be born in some people without any effort on their part, but on the other hand it may be acquired by everyone who will concentrate on his career and not let it be marred by carelessness and indifference.

To save part of what one earns is another vital element in a successful life. Savings are not only insurance against the turns of fortune, but also a means of seizing golden opportunities, which are so often lost, through the lack of a small amount of capital.

This brief sketch of some of the necessary qualities should be enough to show that there is no easy road or short cut to success. It means constant hard work and saving and many sacrifices, but it is really worth them all through the ultimate feeling of accomplishment and the lasting happiness which it brings to its possessor.—A. W. Mellon, Secretary of the United States Treasury.

Small Boy: "What are those holes in the palling for?"
Teacher: "Now, we all know about Noah's ark. Do you know of any other ark?"
Carpenter: "They are knot holes."
Boy: "Well, if they are not holes, what are they?"
Billy: "Yes, Miss. The one the 'erald hangels sing."

WE WISH TO THANK OUR CUSTOMERS IN THE CROWS' NEST PASS FOR PATRONAGE DURING THE PAST YEAR AND TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF

WISHING ONE AND ALL

A Very Merry Christmas
AND
A Prosperous New Year

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A USEFUL GESTURE

The provincial department of highways is operating a snowplow, to keep the road between Coleman and the British Columbia boundary clear for motorists. In the past, the highway around Crows' Nest Lake has been regularly blocked during the winter, and it has been necessary for motorists to ship their vehicles by railway over the divide of the Rockies—a process entailing obvious expense and inconvenience.

This action by the department is very welcome, and it will no doubt bring general satisfaction to the Pass area. Furthermore, it has been taken largely as a result of continuous effort on the part of town councils and boards of trade in the Pass towns. They have consistently urged that the government attempt to keep the highway open the year round.—Ex.

We're growing bigger every day! Early in the week we received a letter addressed to "The Empire," Blairmore, Alberta.

PEMMICAN IS AGAIN MADE ON PRAIRIES

Real pemmican, from true buffalo meat, is again being made on the prairies, and in considerable quantity. The pemmican, which is being prepared at Wainwright and Edmonton, will be available to the public on request, but most of the dried buffalo meat will be shipped to the far north, for Eskimo relief. For the benefit of some old-timers, and many young people, who appreciate a new article of diet, several carloads of fresh buffalo meat have been shipped over the railways to Canadian cities and many more carloads will be shipped from Wainwright in the near future. A total of 1500 buffalo were killed at Wainwright National Park recently, and as a result, there will be a Dominion-wide sale of buffalo steaks, roasts and cutlets.

W. M. Neal, of Winnipeg, general manager of the C.P.R., passed east through Blairmore on Tuesday, following an inspection tour.

STILL DRIVING AT NINETY

What is the retiring age for drivers? If you take Binscarth, Manitoba, as an example, you will not set the retiring age below 90 years of age. At least, there is one man over 90 who is still driving his own car in Binscarth. William Waller gets a great deal of enjoyment out of a car he bought from Frank Clement, Binscarth dealer, in 1930.

"With all due deference, my boy, I really think our English custom at the telephone is better than saying 'Hello,' as you do."

"What do you say in England?"

"We say, 'Are you there?' Then, of course, if you are not there, there is no use going on with the conversation."—The Lutheran.

Judge: "The traffic officer says you got sarcastic with him."

Accused: "But I didn't intend to be. He talked to me like my wife does, and I forgot myself and answered: 'Yes, my dear.'"



We take pleasure in extending
to the people of the Crows' Nest Pass
and district

A Merry Christmas
- and -
Happy New Year

Crows' Nest Pass Coal Company
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CHRISTMAS EVE

(By L. Mitchell Thornton)

On Christmas Eve I would breathe a prayer—
My baby sleeps in the room above—
Bless those to-night, wherever they are,
Who fail to see in the skies the Star;
Who, seeking pleasure, find but despair,
Missing a little child to love.
On Christmas Eve there's a hope I keep—
My hearth is warm and my candles bright—
That Heaven will kindly blessing shed
On those who forget His manger-bed.
Seeking for joy like white woolled sheep,
Having no home their own to night.
On Christmas Eve I would bow my head—
Holding tighter your clasping hand—
Praying the Christ they will not seek,
These lost and erring and frail and weak,
Will pity tonight and blessing shed.
On the loveless who could not understand.

In an effort to relieve unemployment, a proposal by organized labor in Chicago would make blue Monday a legal holiday. The proposal has already got off to a good start. The plan is to have Monday declared a legal holiday by the city and state.

To Our Patrons and Friends
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Wishing All a Merry
Christmas and
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THE COMPLIMENTS
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THE big bus came to a stop with a jolt which hurried its tired passengers against the seats ahead. The powerful engine whined to silence. For a long moment nothing was said. Twenty people stared at the back of the driver. Twenty chairs of rare hewn wood, the wild rush of wind outside; a noise which up to this time had been drowned by the motor, speeding through the night.

The driver was young. He had wide shoulders and a fresh color in his cheeks. He was used to these long, cross country runs; he knew how to handle people and he understood the temperance of a bus as a mother understands her child.

He turned about in his seat to face the silent people. "Sorry, folks, we're out of luck." A faint shadow seemed to rest on his face. "We're hung up... a hundred miles from nowhere."

A rustle of amusement passed through the listening passengers. A man climbed over a seat mate and began talking in a loud, irritated voice. "You mean to tell me this blasted bus won't move another foot tonight? That we must stay here the Lord knows how long? Oh, Christmas eve and folks home waiting for us? A fine, fat driver you are!"

The young man was unperturbed and ready. "No use telling you I can't help it. They gave me a bum bus, an old one, because of the holiday travel. They gambled on my getting through... and lost."

"Ain't you even going to get out to look at it?" demanded the man unpleasantly.

"No, boss, I ain't. I know this bus like an old friend. It'll jump give out and I told them so." He looked the protester straight in the eye. "What's more, we're the last one through tonight. Laugh that off."

Out of a dim, rear seat rose a girl. Her hair was light. It seemed to ripple into curls as you looked at it. Her face was pale, with weakness, she smiled. "What say, fellers, we buck up and have a party of our own? He can't help things," she nodded toward the driver. "He's done all the work and had the worry and now all he gets handed to him is a bunch of growls. Come on, folks! We're safe and warm. Nothing can hurt us. We'll get help in the morning."

She smiled at the big man who was biting his mustache. She laughed in the face of an old lady who was furiously wiping her eyes with the corner of a handkerchief. She grinned at a boy of fourteen.

The bus driver showed a fine set of white teeth. "Some grand little spot," he whispered to himself. Then aloud, "I got to warn you folks of something else, too. Nothing serious but kind of



"I Have a Flashlight," said the Girl, "Who's Got Another?"

distracting. The lights are liable to go out any minute. I got a trouble light with me, but that's all."

"I have a flashlight," said the girl, "Who's got another?"

It turned out that five passengers had flashlights. "Haul them out and we'll have a party, anyhow," called the girl.

The bus grew a little chilly but the girl would not allow them to think of that. "Now each of you must choose a present from your own, to give some one else here tonight. The folks at home would be glad to receive one 'gift' for the sake of giving us some fun. We'll make him," she smiled at the driver, "be Santa Claus, and if any of you have cuts, I say, have a heart and pass 'em around."

She went quickly from one to another. The old lady's wrinkles crinkled up in laughter as she fumbled in her shabby gingham bag. The fourteen-year-old boy came out of his group and offered to do anything from singing a song to pushing the bus—a suggestion which was greeted by a roar of laughter from the driver.

"We ought to have a tree," mused the girl aloud. "We can't do a thing without a tree."

"Hey, I got an idea," called a voice.

A man shot out of a seat and shook himself into a fur coat. "Open the door, driver... I'll be back in a couple of minutes." A blast of cold air, and the man slipped out. He came back presently with a small ragged bush. "Found it here by the roadside. Gee! ... some little blizzard going on!"

He shed his coat. He asked for string. Bundles were untied and the cord offered. By tying several lengths about the center of the bush, and then stretching them taut to various seat-braces the bush was made securely upright in the aisle.

"Now for trimmings. Who's got trimmings?"

The cross man was busy with a bundle. He was a trifle reluctant, still he continued to unwrap papers. Soon a glittering angel with tinsel wings was in the hands of the tree trimmer. Gently, almost reverently the angel



"I Knew When I Set Eyes On You ... Ye Belonged to Me."

was fastened to the top. The disagreeable man beamed.

"Anyone got any white tissue paper?" asked the girl.

More gifts were untied and their wrappers volunteered. With nimble fingers the girl folded long strips of red and white together into a sort of accordion effect.

"What's your name, driver?" suddenly demanded the girl.

"Michael O'Hara."

She glowed with pleasure. "And mine is Katy Connolly... the top of the evening to ye!"

Then the fun began. Michael was possessed of an irresistible humor. He sent the old lady into stitches by presenting her with a package of cigarettes. He completely disarmed the cross man by giving him an artificial rose, bowing with so much ceremony that his hair almost touched the floor. The fourteen-year-old boy was delighted with a candy cane and began to demolish it at once. There was a gift for everyone. The bus rocked with laughter. It was "O'ha," this... and "Mike" that. The driver thought of everyone but himself.

The girl had a moment of acute distress. There was nothing for Mike, swiftly she thrust her hand into her bag and brought out a small box. With this she went close to Michael. "Here's a present for you, boss," she said lightly.

"Go 'way wid ye!" remonstrated the man in surprise.

"No, please, I mean it." Something in the blue of her eyes decided him. He opened the box. Out of it came a silver cigarette lighter.

"Good... what a swell present! But you mustn't."

"If you don't take it I'll never speak to you again!" declared the girl.

Amusement and tenderness mingled in his thanks.

The fun went on. Twelve o'clock... one... two. The old lady dropped off to sleep. The bus grew quiet. The girl curled up in a rear seat. The driver stared out into the storm. Once he drew out the lighter and held it against his lips. "The darned little darlin'," he murmured.

On Christmas morning they were transferred to another bus. At the city terminal the passengers parted from one another with the warmest greetings. But Michael O'Hara and Katy Connolly did not part. They went on to Michael's home, and when his mother saw the girl, and her laughter, and her blushes, she just opened her arms.

"I knew the bye would be findin' his lady sudden. It's the O'Hara way."

She did not even inquire about the bus. Her son was home. It was Christmas... on with the turkey and pumpkin pie!

"But the cigarette lighter, darlin'!" Michael asked, "how did ye...?" "Oh, I just bought it... liking the looks. And I knew the moment I set eyes on you that it belonged to you."

"And," said Michael with a big grin, "I knew when I set eyes on you... ye belonged to me."

"Boo-ay!" said Michael's mother, plumping the turkey on the table.

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The next issue of The Blaimore Enterprise will appear on Wednesday, December the 23rd, instead of Thursday, and will be the final issue, number 53, for this year. Advertisers and correspondents are asked to bear this in mind and have their material in our hands one day earlier.

If the distance travelled in Canada last year by motor vehicles were placed end to end, it would make a total of 9,000,000,000 miles, a very respectable distance, even in stellar space. To run this enormous mileage, Canadian and visiting motorists purchased 500,000,000 gallons of gasoline.

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THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

A fairly large gathering was in attendance at the meeting held last evening in the Columbus hall, for the purpose of forming a local branch of the Red Cross Society. His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Farmer, presided and briefly outlined for what purpose the meeting was called. It was then decided by a large majority of those present that a local branch be formed in Blaimore.

The mayor then outlined the necessity of having a strong, active chairman, who would give his time and personal attention to make the local branch a success, and proposed Mr. Greig as chairman, with the power of appointing his own committee, which was unanimously endorsed.

Mr. Greig then occupied the chair and outlined in detail the purpose of the local branch, which would enable them to keep in constant touch with provincial headquarters, so as to be in a position to request or give certain help as the cases call for. He requested all those present, who could at all possibly do so, to become members of the local branch, the fee being \$1.00 per year. Owing to insufficient time, the committee for the local branch has not yet been selected, but same will be completed shortly and the personnel of same will be given in the next issue of this paper. The chairman then outlined the work of the ladies, who will act as an auxiliary to the local committee in assisting in caring for the distress cases.

Mr. Greig, who is also chairman of the committee which was organized for the purpose of canvassing the whole area of the Blaimore district, soliciting assistance in the way of cash, food, clothing, fuel, etc., also for the purpose of finding out the exact needy cases, outlined the progress which had so far been made, and stated that it will be some few days yet before the district has been thoroughly canvassed. He outlined and impressed very strongly on those present that the canvass was being made chiefly to raise food, clothing, fuel, etc., and find out the distress cases, and not solely to raise cash, as many of the public have in mind. He also, together with other members of the committee, argued very strongly against the erroneous statements being circulated regarding anyone in Blaimore being remunerated financially for their work.

During the last two weeks or so, the members of the committee, and those engaged in canvassing the district of Blaimore, have given very much of their time and labor, absolutely free, for the purpose of raising chiefly food, clothing, fuel, etc., which will remain in the town of Blaimore, and be used for the distress cases in this district, and the personnel of those engaged in this work are worthy of commendation for their work.

SUDDEN DEATH OF FORMER WELL KNOWN BLAIRMORE LADY

Word comes from Grainger, Alberta, of the sudden death of Nellie, beloved wife of Mr. A. A. Sparks, of the Pincher Creek district.

Mrs. Sparks had been visiting friends at Grainger. The cause of death is not given. Mrs. Sparks was in her fifty-fifth year, and is survived by her husband, four sons: Robert and Harold, at home; Chester in Duchess, Alberta, and Albert in Owyhee, Oregon; and a daughter, Eleanor, teaching at Calgary.

She was an early resident of Blaimore, living here from around 1902 or 1903 to 1916. For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Sparks operated the original section of the Alberta as a hotel, later taking over the Cosmopolitan from Harry Howard. Their five children were born in Blaimore. The remains have been brought to Pincher Creek, where interment took place yesterday afternoon.

NEW ADDITION TO CHURCH PROPERTY OFFICIALLY INTRODUCED

Though far from being completed, the new 70 x 35-foot addition to the United church building was opened for use this week.

On Tuesday evening, upwards of three hundred members of the congregation and their friends sat to a real hot turkey supper, which was served in good old "family" style by the ladies.

Following the supper, a concert programme was carried out in the church, at which Rev. Mr. Whitmore, of Pincher Creek, acted ably as chairman. The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental selections, readings, an address by Rev. Thomas P. Gell, D.D., superintendent of missions, and a comic sketch by would-be negroes, Roy Upton and Alick McDowell. Vocal artists included Miss Lena Fraser, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Davis (Hillcrest), A. B. McMurdie, Pincher Creek and Mr. Hibbert, Coleman; instrumentalists: the Upton Family, Miss Frances Linville and Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Holmes, of Cleman, gave two very excellent humorous readings. Miss Irene Chappell and Mr. Tom Beynon acted as piano accompanists. Every item was pleasingly rendered and enjoyed.

All who attended were very highly pleased with the efforts being put forward towards providing for the young folk of the community.

In addition to the splendid addition to the building, a large open-air skating rink is being operated close by and is proving to be exceedingly popular with the young people, as well as with a large element of older folks, who have become so accustomed in the art of skating that the arena is not a safe place for them.

As a result of the supper and concert, a handsome sum was realized towards the building fund.

Dr. Powell spent Sunday in Blaimore, and during the day addressed both the senior and junior Sunday schools. At night he had charge of the service and delivered an able discourse on the subject: "Life does not consist in things." At this service, a very pleasing violin solo was rendered by Mrs. Jones.

ELKS HOLD ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Members of the local Elks' Lodge observed Sunday last as Memorial Day, and a very fitting service took place in their hall at 3.30 in the afternoon.

W. W. Scott, exalted ruler, presided. Following Bro. Scott's opening remarks, "O Canada" was sung by the audience, followed by a violin solo, "Meditation" by Mr. Frank Johnson, accompanied on the piano by Miss Irene Chappell.

The memorial ritual was ably conducted by officers of the lodge, followed by the opening ode, "Great Ruler of the universe, etc.," and opening prayer by Bro. F. H. McKay, chaplain.

Solos were rendered as follows: Miss Kathleen Tompkins, "I shall not pass again this way," Mrs. S. G. Brannan, "The Lord is my Shepherd," and Mrs. J. A. Kerr, "Nearer my God to Thee."

The memorial address by Rev. J. W. Smith, B.D., was most inspiring and fitting, followed by touching references to deceased members of the lodge by Bro. J. E. Gillis, P.E.R.

Miss Irene Chappell, acted as accompanist for both violin solos rendered by Mr. Johnson, while Miss M. Chardon acted for accompanist for vocal solos and hymns.

The service closed with the singing of "God Save The King."

The attendance this year was considerably larger than on previous occasions, quite a number being present from Bellevue, Hillcrest and other points.

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Speaking to the brilliant gathering of celebrities assembled at the recent Lord Mayor's banquet at the Guildhall, Premier Ramsay MacDonald declared: "We have been witnessing the complete breakdown of the doctrine of national economic self-sufficiency."

Truer, more significant words have seldom been uttered, but it is doubtful if people generally have yet come to a full realization of how futile the doctrine of self-sufficiency is, regardless of the fact whether it is applied in the realm of national economies or in the narrower sphere of an individual's life.

Belief that one is sufficient unto oneself is an outgrowth of egotism which in itself is a sign of weakness and a fatal defect in character. Belief in oneself is essential to success, but to take the position that incorporated within ourselves are all the elements essential to success, that nothing more is needed, that we, and we alone apart from everybody and everything, can achieve, is a mistaken, a fatal attitude.

And what is true of the individual is equally true of nations and peoples. During the progress of the Great War the nations of the world learned that not one of them, no matter how obscure or isolated it might be, nor how great and powerful it might be, could live unto and within itself alone. Not one proved self-sufficient. Rather, the Great War revealed the dependence of one on another, and the interdependence of all.

The Great War was a struggle for the supremacy of one of two conflicting ideas or principles in government—democracy versus autocracy. Either autocracy as represented by the German Kaiser and based on militarism, or democracy as represented by those countries having constitutional governments based on the will of the people governed, had to prevail. Autocracy was defeated and democracy triumphed.

Out of that triumph arose the demand for the "self determination of peoples," and several new nations came into being. Unfortunately, these little nations felt impelled first of all to develop a so-called national spirit, and to attempt to make their new found independence as nations secure, by making themselves supposedly self-contained, self-sufficient. To that end they strove to shut other nations, and the peoples and products of other nations, out. In doing so, they actually shut themselves in. The interdependence taught by the Great War was lost in the nationalistic, economic struggle which succeeded the war.

But, as Ramsay MacDonald points out, this doctrine of national and economic self-sufficiency has completely broken down. One nation suffers loss of trade, and all nations find they, too, are suffering as a result. Unemployment develops in one country and automatically the resultant loss of purchasing power by the citizens of that country brings about unemployment in other countries which formerly did business with it.

The United States is, perhaps, the most compact, self-contained nation in the world today. Its national policies for many decades have been developed in that belief. Yet today the United States is suffering enormous declines in trade, with millions of its people unemployed, with its government facing a deficit this year of the stupendous sum of two billions of dollars. Why? Because the prosperity of the United States is dependent upon the prosperity of other nations; because, despite all its proud boastsings in the past, it is not a self-contained country, its self-sufficiency is not sufficient; because world depression prevails and the United States cannot escape its calamitous results.

The cities and towns of Western Canada, as well, and the doctors, lawyers, bankers, merchants, insurance and financial men, artisans and laborers who make up these urban communities are suffering today because, first of all, the farmers are suffering through loss of crops, low prices for what they have succeeded in producing, inability to market their produce at a profit. Nothing else is wrong with the cities and towns, but the fact that the great primary industry of this country, agriculture, upon which they depend just as truly as do the farmers themselves, has been stricken. The cities and towns are not sufficient unto themselves; they are dependent on the farms. And the farmers, in turn, are dependent upon the great consuming masses in the cities of the world to purchase their produce. Each class is dependent on the other; all are interdependent.

May this great lesson of the war and of these difficult post-war years sink in the consciousness of all people, may it become indelibly engraved in the memories of all, never to be forgotten, may it convince the statesmen of the world that their policies must in future be based in interdependence rather than in self-sufficiency, and founded on a large and broad internationalism rather than in a selfish, narrow nationalism.

When Recovery Will Come

Canada will begin to recover when the world begins to recover, and the world will begin to recover when the impediments to world trade are reduced, war debts cancelled, and the frozen gold piles of the United States and France so melted that they will flow into the coffers of other countries in need of the yellow-metal.

Thousands Visit Observatory

Over 32,000 persons visited the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory of the Department of the Interior at Victoria, British Columbia, during the year ended March 31, 1931.

The first factory in the United Kingdom for the production of glass wool, primarily for heat insulation in ships, locomotives and engine rooms, has been opened at Glasgow.

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Discussing Support For Canadian Dollar

Heavy Discount Forces Boomerang To United States Banks and Business Interests are finding the heavy discount on the Canadian dollar somewhat of a boomerang and are considering action to alleviate their distress.

The New York Herald-Tribune, in a financial page item, remarking that banking interests in this country are taking note of the situation, says there is talk in Wall Street of "support" for the Dominion currency. "It was pointed out," says the paper, "that the further the Canadian dollar declines the more difficult it becomes to do business with Canada. If prices are scaled up to meet the deficiency realized on exchange, it naturally becomes quite impossible to compete with Canadian or British goods in the Dominion. It is reasoned that New York's interests in supporting the Canadian dollar should receive additional support from banks and corporations which have bank balances in Canada. Corporations whose subsidiaries operate in Canada but pay dividends to parent companies on this side of the border should also be interested in supporting the Canadian dollar."

What will form the "support" would take it is not pointed out, but the Herald-Tribune says it is "recognized generally it would be of mutual benefit."

Publication Restricted

Bible Printed in England By Only Three Firms

Only three publishers are allowed to print the Bible in England. They are the Oxford and Cambridge presses and the King's Printer. These publishers have found that "there is money in the Bible," for millions of copies are sold or given away each year. Similar restrictions do not exist in the United States. Any one who wishes, may publish the Bible, and it was recently announced, an "Americanized" version of it will soon be issued. The American Bible Society estimates that in 1930 alone, 34,000,000 copies of the Bible, or of sections of it including one book or more, were sold or presented to those who could not afford to purchase them.

Colonization Progress

Many People Settled On Land Under Government Policy

The policy of encouraging colonization within Canada, instituted in September last year by Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Immigration, and conducted in the form of a co-ordinated effort by the department and railway companies, has resulted in return to the land of approximately 42,882 people, according to a statement made public at Ottawa.

Detailed returns to November 30, 1931, show a total of 6,940 families and 12,682 single men have been placed on farms since October 1, 1930, the former as settlers and the single men as farm laborers.

Cultural Value Zero

Replying to a questionnaire sent him by a New York college organ, H. L. Mencken, author, stated the attention of college students at United States universities is concentrated upon mean and trivial things. Very few of the professors who teach in them "are really civilized men, and relatively few of the students come from civilized homes. Thus, the cultural value of the college tends to approximate zero."

British People Like Candy

The sweet-toothed people of the British Isles consume over \$250,000,000 worth of candies in a year. Half this amount is spent on chocolates. In addition to this Great Britain exports over \$10,000,000 worth of candies annually.

EXPLORER RETIRES



Major L. Burwash, well known Canadian Arctic explorer, who is being retired from the Government service at the end of the year.

Recipes For This Week

(By Betty Nasclay)

PLANETARY MARBLE CAKE

(2 eggs)

- 2 cups special cake flour, sifted.
- 2 teaspoons baking powder.
- 1 teaspoon salt.
- 1/2 cup butter or other shortening.
- 1 cup sugar.
- 2 eggs, well beaten.
- 1/2 cup milk.
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon.
- 1 teaspoon each cloves and nutmeg.
- 2 tablespoons molasses.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs; then flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time. Beat after each addition until smooth. Divide batter in two parts. To one part, add spices and molasses. Place light and dark mixtures alternately, a tablespoon at a time, in greased pan, 8 x 8 x 2 inches. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) 50 minutes, or until done. Frost with boiled frosting. Decorate with raisins and halves of walnut meats.

PRUNE SOUFFLE

- 1/2 cup sugar.
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt.
 - 4 egg whites, stiffly beaten.
 - 1 can coconut, southern style.
 - 1 cup cooked prunes, seeded and finely chopped.
- Fold sugar and salt gradually into egg whites; then fold in coconut and prunes. Turn into greased baking dish. Bake in slow oven (300 degrees Fahrenheit) 45 minutes, or until firm in center. Serve hot. Serves 8.

Ancient Coins Found

Coins believed to be over 900 years old have been found in a cemetery in Szeged, near Budapest, Hungary. They bear the effigy of King St. Stephen of Hungary, who was crowned in A.D. 1001, when Hungary first became an independent kingdom. The coins were found near the spot where a burial place of the bronze age was recently discovered.

He: "I have waited an hour for you."
She: "But, dear, I said I might be five minutes late."

Slot machines sell ice in a busy Los Angeles suburb.

Urges Use Of Home Products

Building Industry Said To Be Importing Huge Quantities Of Materials

An indictment of the building industry for importing millions of dollars' worth of materials annually, at the expense of similar produced-in-Canada goods is made in a survey released by the Montreal industrial commission on unemployment. The survey, based on a year's work by Norman Holland, chairman of the commission, will be mailed to all members of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, it is announced. Canada imported from the United States in the fiscal year ended March 31, 1931, building material valued at \$26,945,437. The document deals with approximately 80 separate foreign products which, it is claimed, investigation shows, were used in Canadian buildings.

Summing up, the document gives the following belief of the unemployment commission: "We believe if an independent commission were given authority to check over all specifications for such buildings as receive financial support from the public of Canada, this would bring back to Canadian factories in one year at least half of the \$27,000,000 worth of business which now goes to foreign countries."

Diseases Of Ancients

X-Ray Reveals Troubles Of People Who Lived 3,000 Years Ago

In ancient Egypt at least four out of five persons had pyorrhea, childhood was no hygienic bed of roses, and arthritis and arteriosclerosis presumably were favorite topics when the elders swapped clinical notes.

These are discoveries summarized after two years' study at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, where scientists diverted X-rays from modern medical problems to historical secrets, focused them back over the centuries, and conducted autopsies on persons dead 3,000 years.

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Had To Be Satisfied

"Hm! I don't like the look of your wife at all, Mr. Blunt," said the doctor, after he had examined the patient.

"Neither do I," answered Blunt, "but still she's a good wife, and looks after the children and the house well—so I can't grumble, I suppose."

Engineer Flew Above Train

J. W. Street, engineer of the "Cheltenham Flyer," the world's fastest train, recently flew above the train during part of its run between Swinton and Reading, England. Street and his wife hired an air-taxi special to make the flight.

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"It's so passionately fond of reading, Mrs. Tomkins, that 'is father's trying to get 'im into the gas company so that 'e can go round and read the 'papers.' The Humorist, London, England.

RAIL OUTLET FOR PEACE RIVER IS REQUESTED

Victoria, B.C.—The royal commission on transportation heard argument in favor of a Peace River outlet to the Pacific Coast and the presentation of a number of views on the manner in which some of the railway problems of Canada might be solved, at a public meeting in the court house here.

The commission announced that it would receive in writing a presentation from the British Columbia Government regarding the problem of the provincially owned Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

Ridgeway R. Wilson, of Fernie, B.C., representing mining interests, urged the best and cheapest way to develop additional traffic for the western railway division was to extend a line into the northern territory of the Peace River area by way of Peace Pass. He said this connection would open up an empire of new mineral wealth, with new towns, increase the revenues of the railways, solve the Pacific Great Eastern problem, and largely solve the unemployment problem of western Canada.

T. D. Pattullo, provincial Liberal leader, urged that it was the duty of the Dominion Government to determine the Peace River outlet issue, concerning which he said, it was reported that there was disagreement between the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways.

S. R. Ross, representing agricultural interests, urged an arrangement between the railways by which all freight would be handled over the Canadian National mountain line, because, he said, one locomotive could haul 60 cars on the Canadian National grades as against 20 cars on the Canadian Pacific grades.

Forty per cent of the railway traffic of the Canadian Pacific was derived from agriculture, Mr. Ross stated. He protested against the Canadian Pacific having, according to his claim, turned \$64,000,000 of profit derived from such traffic in the last ten years, to building new ships and other developments instead of lowering freight rates for farm products. He also recommended the cutting out of all railroad duplication across Canada.

Alderman W. T. Straith and D. S. Tait, representing the City of Victoria, and grain elevator interests here, alleged lack of co-operation between the two railways in regard to matters here.

Asks Investigation Of Factory Exodus

Tariffs Blamed For Exodus Of Plants

Washington, D.C.—The exodus of factories from the United States to Canada was the subject of a resolution introduced into congress by Representative Harry C. Canfield, Democrat, Indiana. Mr. Canfield called for a commission to investigate. "Mr. Canfield," asked the Canadian Press, "is it not the purpose of this commission to demonstrate to the country that the reason for the factory situation is the tariff?" "I didn't say that," said Mr. Canfield, "but I think everybody knows that is the reason factories are going away from here."

The representative said he had observed that many factories were going to Canada and that there must be a reason. He had investigated and discovered that labor conditions in Canada were about the same as in the United States.

Therefore, he had concluded to ask for a congressional commission to investigate.

Alberta Premier Home

Edmonton.—Premier Brownlee has returned to Edmonton from Ottawa where he conferred with federal authorities on unemployment relief, old age pensions and other questions. No decision has yet been reached on the opening date of the next session of the Alberta legislature but it is expected that Premier Brownlee will call it for early in January.

A Visitor To Canada

New York, N.Y.—Lord Duncannon, son of the Earl of Beauchamp, Governor-General of Canada, arrived here from England on the "Isle de France." Lord Duncannon, who is a student at Cambridge University, came to visit his parents. He left immediately for Ottawa.

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Ontario Aids Farm Holders

Forbids Foreclosure Of Any Mortgage Held By Province

Toronto, Ont.—The Ontario Government has notified the Provincial Agricultural Development Board—which holds \$35,000,000 of farm mortgages—not to foreclose under any circumstances when mortgagees are unable to meet their obligation. Hon. W. H. Price, Attorney-General and Acting Premier announced. The step is being taken in order to give farmers every opportunity to weather present financial difficulties.

The Attorney-General revealed the action of the government in regard to farm mortgages during the course of an announcement that the government would bring down legislation at the next session of the legislature to provide for a modified moratorium on mortgages.

"We realize that in these times of financial stress, people who otherwise would be able to meet their payments are in considerable difficulty and the government is anxious to help them over this period of financial stringency," said Col. Price.

"I have asked loan companies to be lenient in this regard and I have also approached sheriffs and bailiffs and made the same request. But there is no legislation at present providing for relief and the government intends to have the entire matter discussed on the floor of the legislature with a view to some form of legislation."

Industry Must Prepare For Imperial Conference

If It Is To Result In Intimate Economic Partnership

London, Eng.—Industry throughout the Empire must organize itself and take a leading part in the preparations for the Ottawa Imperial Conference, says the London Times in an editorial headed "Industries and Ottawa." It expressed the opinion great satisfaction will be manifested throughout the Empire after Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, Dominions Secretary, makes his statement to the House of Commons.

"But," adds the Times, "much more than government departmental preparation is required to make the Ottawa conference a success. Industries themselves, both here and in the Dominions, must prepare if the conference is to result in intimate economic partnership. It should, therefore, be clear the enunciation of the British government's policy should be definite enough to encourage industries to start preparation."

Gale Paralyzed Shipping

Newfoundland Homes Were Flooded and Wharves Swept Away

St. John's, Nfld.—Newfoundland was estimating the damage caused by gales that swept the island Dominion for two days.

Reports reaching St. John's indicated that shipping was paralyzed all along the coast, while some waterfront homes were flooded and wharves swept away. From inland points came word of dislocated telegraph and telephone systems.

Reminding the shore dwellers of the ice-baiting quagmire of 1929, a high tide rolled into Placentia Bay, carrying away many wharves, small boats and much fishing gear. At Prowstown and Davis Cove several homes were flooded.

Wants To Keep Good Basis

Germany Doing Everything Possible To Remedy On Standard

Basel, Switzerland.—Germany will do everything possible to remain on the gold standard, Carl Melchior, German representative of the world bank advisory committee, assured his fellow-countrymen.

Melchior informed the banking experts investigating Germany's capacity to pay reparations, that the German people were "horrified" at the thought of abandoning the gold standard.

Planning Dirigible Service

London, England.—Establishment of a regular New York and London dirigible service is being discussed by Dr. Hugo Eckener, master of the Graf Zeppelin, and British air experts. The German commander said: "If we get the permission of the British Government we propose to start a trans-Atlantic service."

Refuse To Pay Rent

Allahabad, India.—A hundred thousand persons in 600 villages throughout this district, took part in "hunger" demonstrations and swore a common oath to refuse payment of rent. The proceedings were superintended by members of the National Congress.

PREMIER ASKS SUPPORT OF RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

S.S. Duchess Of Richmond, At Sea

Prime Minister R. B. Bennett issued the following appeal to the Canadian people in support of the campaign of the Canadian Red Cross Society, which was inaugurated December 10. "Before leaving Canada I decided to make an appeal to the people of the Dominion for a national emergency fund to be raised by voluntary subscription and used for the relief of suffering and distress during the coming winter."

"With this in view I asked the Canadian Red Cross Society to undertake, in co-operation with other organizations and societies, the necessary collection and distribution of this fund. His excellency, the governor-general, in his capacity as president of the Red Cross, assured me of the willingness of the society to carry on this effort with the fullest understanding, sympathy and efficiency."

"We are still faced today with difficulties that are in some respects similar to those which confronted us during the Great War. Our troubles are less serious than those of some other countries but, nevertheless, there is a great deal of distress and suffering resulting from the economic depression, widespread unemployment and continued crop failure in large areas of the prairie provinces."

"Parliament authorized expenditures to provide what the government might deem best in the form of official undertakings to minimize unemployment. Through a co-operative program with provincial governments and municipalities much has been accomplished in providing relief in this way. But over and above what has been and will be done through such regular official expenditures and channels, there are large numbers of special cases in all parts of Canada that cannot be cared for through government activities. They can only be effectively dealt with through voluntary attention and assistance."

"It is for these that I appeal to the generosity and public spirit of our citizens. I am proud of what they have done and are doing, but there is still an urgent problem before us all. Never indeed has the splendid charity of the Canadian people been so much needed as it is at the present time. I feel confident that the liberality and human kindness they have shown in the past will be expressed again on this occasion."

"I ask all the men, women and children in our Dominion who are not themselves in need, and also all organizations, clubs, societies and lodges of every kind, to make a sacrifice for this cause. Let us as a people make sure that no child shall go hungry or unclothed, and no sick or afflicted person shall lack care. We may be grateful that the outlook for the future is becoming brighter and we may do much to ensure a strength and fortitude in our national life by helping those of our countrymen who are in distress and want."

Population Of France

Paris, France.—The total population of France is 41,834,923, complete returns from the census conducted last spring revealed. The department of the Seine, which includes Paris, has 4,933,855 inhabitants. The increase in all France since 1926 was 1,061,976.

PREPARING TO MEET THE PROBLEM



Lord Bessborough, Governor-General of Canada (left), and Premier R. B. Bennett (right), are here seen discussing plans for the National Emergency Fund appeal, which the Prime Minister had just announced, and which is to meet distress and suffering in Canada this winter. Mr. Bennett lays the matter before His Excellency who, as President of the Red Cross, promises the Society's fullest co-operation in helping to collect and administer this fund.

AGAIN WHEAT KING



Herman Trele of Wembley, Alberta, has again annexed the title of the Wheat King as a result of his showing at the Chicago Grain Show. As Wheat King for the third time Mr. Trele was outright for the first time in history the International Wheat Cup.

France Taxes Canadian Goods

Are Exempt If Coming Through From Other Lands

Paris.—A decree imposing 15 per cent ad valorem surtax on products of Argentine and Uruguay and an 11 per cent surtax on Canadian goods to compensate for the indirect export premium enjoyed by those countries owing to depreciation of their currencies, was published in the official Journal.

Goods proved to be passing through those countries from other lands are exempt from the surtax and goods already on the way before the decree was promulgated remain subject to previous regulations.

Completed Daring Job

White Man and Eskimos Brave Perils To Salvage Fur

Point Barrow, Alaska.—Using dog sleds for bridges over cracks in the ice and ropes to pull themselves over huge bergs, O. D. Morris, one of the marooned passengers of the steamship "Baychimo," and three Eskimo trappers completed one of the most daring salvage jobs in Arctic history.

Morris and the natives, after a disheartening struggle for 15 miles over the ice to the "Baychimo," frozen in when the Arctic winter caught her before she could escape to open water in the south, brought back ten bales of valuable furs.

English Holly From B.C.

Victoria, B.C.—Comprising 10,000 pounds of choice red berries English holly, the first carlot order of the Vancouver Island port ever to be shipped out of the province, has been dispatched to Toronto, where it will arrive on December 14 and will provide Christmas decorations for some 2,000 households. The holly was grown on the holly ranch of F. S. Pemberton.

Critical Of League

Manchester, England.—The Manchester Guardian, which has been critical of the League of Nations during the current Manchurian debate, carried an editorial describing the league council's efforts to solve that dispute as "futile and weak efforts which have only served to make the league contemptible in the eyes of the world."

Supreme Court Judge Dead

Hon. Edmund L. Newcombe Taken Ill During November Session

Ottawa, Ont.—A justice of the supreme court of Canada since 1924, Hon. Edmund L. Newcombe, C.M.G., 72, died.

He was present at the beginning of the November session of the supreme court, but took ill during the sitting. He was born in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, and received his education in that province. He graduated from Dalhousie with the degree of bachelor of arts when 19 years old, and completed his law course in 1881. He was called to the bar in 1883, and in 1893 he was admitted to the bar of Ontario, and the same year was appointed queen's counsel. On March 12, 1903, Mr. Newcombe was appointed deputy minister of justice.

From 1902 to 1906 Mr. Newcombe was chairman of the select committee appointed to revise the statutes of Canada. In 1905, he was Canadian delegate to Great Britain on the conference over copyright legislation. He was associate British agent and counsel for Canada in the pecuniary claims agitation between Great Britain and the United States, prosecuting agent for his Majesty's Government for prize cases in Canada; chairman of the Military Service Council of 1917-18, member ex-officio of the Canada Registration Board.

PENSIONS COST DOMINION OVER \$41,000,000

Ottawa, Ont.—Canada's annual pension liability at the end of November, apart from provision for reversionary awards, was \$41,544,963. The annual liability on March 31, 1930, was \$37,802,510. This announcement was made in a statement issued by Hon. Murray MacLaren, Minister of Pensions and National Health, on amendments to the Pension Act, in which Col. MacLaren pointed out that the policy of the three bodies adjudicating pensions is to deal first with the most urgent cases.

The statement of the Minister reads:

"Amendments to the Pension Act in 1930, providing for a pension tribunal, pension appeal court and veteran's bureau, constituted a radical change in the administration of the Pension Act. Further amendments covered the restoration to pension of final payment cases and an extension of the legislation respecting widows. "The result of the restoration of final payment cases has been that 9,318 pensions have been restored after medical examination showing that disability has persisted, without increase. In addition, since March 31, 1930, 2,329 final payment cases have been restored, owing to increasing disability. "The provision that widows married before January 1, 1930, should receive pension on the death, from a war disability, of their husbands, has resulted in the award of 317 pensions. "The provisions for the creation of the pension tribunal, the pension appeal court and the veterans' bureau have been far-reaching in effect, and the pensions advocates are displaying marked efficiency in the preparation and presentation of cases. "Necessarily with the advent of new legislation, there was a deluge of applications which had in the first instance to be made to the Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada. Many of those who thought there was even a remote chance of securing pensions made application. There was a provision in the act that any application not granted by the pension board should be referred to the veterans' bureau and to the chief commissioner counsel, an officer appointed to represent the pension board before the tribunal and the court. This automatic reference necessarily clogged the new machinery, as upwards of 15,000 cases were referred, and it was impossible either for the veterans' bureau to prepare and present, or for the tribunal to hear these applications without great delay. "In order to make possible the administration of the act, amendments were passed during this year, 1921, whereby the personnel of the pension tribunal was increased, so that instead of there being four sections of the tribunal sitting at one time there are now six. This has meant more rapid hearing of cases. The tribunal has rendered 3,793 decisions to November 30; 1,811 of these have been in favor of the applicant and 1,982 against the applicant. The decisions during the month of November were 477, of which 195 were in favor of the applicant and 282 against."

CANADA BUYING TOO MUCH RAW MATERIAL IN U.S.

Winnipeg, Man.—Plans to free Canadian trade from the tribute it now pays to banking, brokerage, shipping and warehousing services in the United States are being studied by the Dominion Government, Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce, stated here. Already, he said, negotiations have been entered with three branches of manufacturing industry to induce them to cease buying imported raw materials through United States agencies.

The recent drop in the value of the Canadian dollar in New York, Mr. Stevens said, had demonstrated more forcibly than ever before that Canada was too dependent on the United States.

Every year, the Minister said, this country imported millions of dollars worth of rubber from the East Indies, millions of dollars worth of hides from the Argentine, large quantities of wool from New Zealand and of coffee from Brazil and silk from Japan. Practically all these goods were bought from the United States.

This meant they were carried in United States ships and the profits from servicing and handling stayed in the United States. A more serious effect was that they appeared in the books of the producing countries as exports to the United States and when Canada went to ask favorable terms for Canadian exports from those countries they complained that they sold no goods to Canada.

The department, Mr. Stevens said, had taken the matter up with the rubber, silk and wool industries and was seeking to arrange a system whereby those industries could buy their materials direct from the producing countries, thereby keeping the benefits of trade in Canada.

The most serious difficulty was the reluctance of the average business man to change his way of doing business.

British People Help In Financial Distress

Give Valuables For Auction Bringing \$3,700 To Treasury

London, England.—The national treasury gained about \$3,700 when jewelry, gold coins and trinkets, gifts to the nation in its day of financial distress, were auctioned. It was the most unique sale in the long history of Christie's.

The valuables were sent to Rt. Hon. Philip Snowden in the last days of his chancellorship by people in all stations of life. They represented tangible sacrifice to the nation—some came from obscure women and were the sole remaining relics of their younger days when their families were prosperous. Each gift was auctioned separately so the donor might know the amount subscribed to the treasury.

Among the coins were two pound-pieces minted for President Kruger of South Africa, a gold five-pound piece and a gold spade guinea.

Predicts Western Control

St. Thomas, Ont.—"The time is coming when western Canada will control the destinies of the Dominion and people of the east will thank God the west is part of Canada," said Very Rev. W. G. Brown, of Saskatoon, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in addressing the Kiwanis Club here.

Closed Season Not Needed

Edmonton, Alberta.—There is no need for a closed season on ducks in 1932 in the central and northern parts of Alberta, according to a resolution passed at a meeting here of the Edmonton branch, Alberta Fish and Game Protection Association. The members went on record as opposed to a closed season next year.

More Idle In Britain

London, England.—For the first time since the end of September, British unemployment showed an increase in the week ended November 23. The total then was 2,622,027, which was 6,912 more than the previous week and 316,383 more than at the same time a year ago.

Urges Early Conference

London, England.—Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald told the House of Commons that his government feels an international conference to deal with the world economic situation should be held immediately after the financial experts now meeting at Basel have made their report.

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THIS CROW EXPERIMENT
(By Cec Aitch Jay)

After keeping them in captivity for several months, and subjecting them to a course of "treatment," a bunch of crows has been released in southern Alberta by the Department of Zoology. The experiment is being conducted with a view to discovering whether or not such birds can be induced to migrate north in the fall, instead of to the south. The black manauvers have had a peculiar experience during their incarceration in the experimental cages at Edmonton and it is expected that their sense of direction, instinct or judgment has been almost ruined. Local sportsmen have been asked to keep a weather eye open and shoot any crow on sight, sending the carcasses to Edmonton, stuffed with cotton batting soaked in alcohol, and marked "crow." It would seem that the whole experiment is having an amazing effect upon Hanna gunners, whose normal instincts, sense of direction and judgment seem to be as seriously affected as do the crows. For instance, one sportsman went into the south country on Sunday, looking for the much-heralded crows. He eventually came upon quite a flock; proceeded to stalk them, but suddenly realized that he had left his shotgun at home and had to return for it. He went back for the gun. Contrary to usual experiences, the gang of crows awaited him and he secured two tagged specimens. The balance of the flock, which had gone through the experimental treatments related above, flew north. They were all muddled up and thought they were hitting for New Mexico or some other winter retreat. The sportsman also was muddled. He was out of sight of any landmarks and lost all sense of direction in his excitement. Having always known crows to migrate to the south in the fall, he forgot that these particular customers were changing their habits. In taking the opposite direction he wandered farther and farther from home. When he discovered his mistake he returned to town too late to take his Sunday school class. Being Sunday, the Government Vendor was not open, and it was impossible to secure the necessary alcohol with which to pickle the crows.

Obviously, the moral is that the government should keep the liquor stores open on Sunday, and the Sunday school classes should be adjourned, until this whole crow experiment is completed.—Hanna Herald.

WELL DONE!

The part played by the railroads in the upbuilding and strengthening of the communities they serve is well demonstrated in the lives of their men. When a man works faithfully in one section of the country for twenty, thirty, forty and even fifty years, to retire with the respect and the good wishes of his neighbors, it must be that he makes a worthy contribution to the stability of his community, even if he takes no part in municipal affairs and modestly disclaims any history but that of a job done to the best of his ability. Every month, as those who have grown old in the Canadian National system, relinquish their duties to take their rest, their fellow citizens delight to do them honor. Purse of gold, illuminated addresses, clocks, arm chairs, canes, cases of pipes are the tangible evidences of goodwill and a genuine appreciation of the value to the community as a whole of a life regularly lived and a job faithfully carried on from day to day.—Ex.

THE CHURCH AND
DISARMAMENT

"Is it all right to sign the disarmament petition?" is the query contained in a letter received at our desk some days ago. We have often wanted to discuss the question of armaments from the point of view of the church, but always found it somewhat difficult to put in precise terms what we considered the church's position.

Recently the Catholic council for international relations, which is the British branch of the Catholic Union of International Studies, drafted a statement which sets forth very clearly the traditional Catholic teaching on armaments and war. This statement was read by Sir Enoch Howard, until recently British ambassador at Washington, at Westminster Cathedral Hall, London, and we are pleased to give its full text as the complete answer to our correspondent who feels uncertain whether to sign or not to sign the disarmament petition. The statement is as follows:

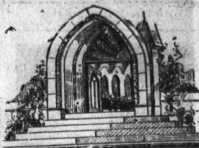
At a moment when, for the first time, a world conference has been convened for the reduction and limitation of armaments, it is the duty of Catholics to recall and make known the bearing of Christian tradition and the guidance which the Apostolic See has recently given on this subject, guidance which if followed by government people, would conduce to the success of the conference.

Christian Charity in International Life. In the first place, Christian charity must obtain between states as in private and national life. For peace is the effect of charity. There is no other power by which to destroy the fear and mistrust which are themselves the primary cause of competitive armaments. Catholics by prayer, by personal influence and by their contribution to national policies in every country, have a specific duty to promote international goodwill and confidence. That is the "apostolate of peace" to which His Holiness Pope Pius XI called both clergy and laity in his Allocution at Christmas 1920. The best guarantee of tranquility," he wrote in 1922, "is not a forest of bayonets but mutual confidence and friendship."

Disarmament and Arbitration: It has been the immemorial tradition of the church that arms may not lawfully be used except as the instrument of justice and in the last resort. And since there is a natural society of nations, the use of national armaments can be justified only for the defense or restoration of order within that society, an order in which each has rights and each corresponding duties. Self-defense against aggression, which is itself a violation of order, and the vindication of justice when a grave injury has been suffered, these are traditionally laid down as just causes of war undertaken by the rulers of states; but the latter only under strict conditions, one of which is that there exists no higher tribunal which can secure restitution and effect a just settlement of the matter in dispute. It cannot be denied that the establishment of a permanent court of international justice and of other tribunals for the settlement of different classes of international conflicts is a fact which must modify the right of any state to resort to war and to make preparations for war.

Disarmament and Sanctions: The established methods of international consultation and co-operation, and the obligations incumbent upon the majority of states by their treaty obligations to join in common action to resist and repel an aggressor—these are also considerations which, by rendering the emergency of self-defense against invasion more impracticable, should also make it possible for each member of the society of nations to diminish the quantity and the financial burden of its own armaments. On the other hand so far as rivalry in armaments is a cause of disunion among Christian peoples it weakens their resistance to the enemies of social order and of Christian civilization.—The Western Catholic.

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December 25th, Christmas Day service in the church at 11 a.m. The offering will be used toward the M. & M. fund.

On Sunday, December 27th at 7:30 p.m. a religious drama "The Light of the World" will be presented by the Colman players. This powerful religious drama carries a searching Christmas message which your pastor is anxious for all to hear.

BIG INVESTMENT
IS NOT PAYING

Canadians as a people are richly endowed with the gift of vision. The remarkable transportation system built up in this still young country is the result of vision. There are three transcontinental railway lines across the Dominion and scores of branch lines. There are six national ports which have been heavily subsidized out of the national treasury. Halifax, Saint John, Quebec, Montreal, Churchill and Vancouver, not to mention Victoria, Prince Rupert, Yarmouth and other seaports which have also shared in federal largesse. Money has been spent like water in the construction of railway lines and port facilities; and yet today more of our wealth is finding access to salt water via foreign ports than through our own national outlets. It is a most unsatisfactory situation.

The Halifax Herald is authority for the statement that Halifax has a new and highly modern grain elevator capable of handling 20,000,000 bushels of grain and yet so far this season not one bushel has passed through that port. A somewhat similar condition prevails at Saint John and at Prince Rupert, where the federal government erected a magnificent terminal elevator several years ago. The Canadian railways are crying for business and yet vast quantities of Canadian-grown grain are passing out of the country at Buffalo for Boston and New York shipment. There is a railway line from Prince George to Prince Rupert which is little used, and the grain elevator at the latter port is of the white elephant class.

All of which leads to the conclusion that the vision which created the Canadian transportation system has not been backed by the practical common sense which should have made certain that that system would be used. Many factors in the transportation situation appear to have been neglected and public monies wasted. Today Canada has a tremendous railway problem on its hands. It is paying for the over-enthusiasm of men of vision, and something will have to be done about it. Whatever it is, it is obvious that steps must be taken to keep more Canadian trade within Canadian channels to ensure more profitable returns from the huge national investment in railways, canals and seaports.—Calgary Herald.

A physician says that the best way to reduce is to eat apples. This method, reduced Adam rapidly.



I AM STILL RICH

(By Roy L. Smith in the Vegreville Observer.)

We have passed through a panic suffered from a crash on the stock market and are now more than half way through the depression, and I am still rich!

It may be true that I have much less to live on than I had a year ago, but it is certainly true that I have just as much as ever to live for. The real values of life are unshaken and solid.

The stock crash cost us much that we never had—paper profits that never got nearer our pockets than the financial pages of the daily papers. The market failed, but nothing else did. Prices went down, but not one acre lost its fertility and all the electrons, protons and other waves went on working in their accustomed ways.

When the depression came, I was compelled to take an invoice, and soon discovered that I was still rich. All my capacity for the enjoyment of life was intact.

My two-hundred thousand dollar eyes are just as good as they ever were. Every landscape and sunset is nice if I want it. Twenty-thousand-dollar scenes and views are added to my collection almost every week. A hundred-thousand-dollar sense of hearing is still unimpaired and by it I become an heir to a world of beauty and inspiration.

Then, there's my million-dollar stomach and a half-million dollar appetite. No doctor has sentenced me to spinach for the rest of my life. Better to have plain food and an appetite than to sit down to a banquet with no appetite. No man can be rich who is compelled to take orders daily from his stomach.

The depression has not lowered the value of a single friendship. Neighbors still greet us in the same old cordial way, business associates believe in us, and our sons hold us in high respect. The wife's welcome at the close of the day has not depreciated in the least and our daughters continue to lavish their affection upon us with the same old extravagance.

My faith in the goodness of the universe is unimpaired. By that faith, I am emboldened as I face defeat and despair. The prayers my mother taught me and the faith in God instilled in me by a devout father, remain as priceless as ever.

No nation becomes great by becoming rich. Neither does a man find enduring satisfaction in life by owning something—only by becoming something. The most degrading poverty is that which results from killing the spirit that the body may be served.

This depression has cost us some of the things we created, but it has robbed us of none of our power to create. We may have lost some beautiful things, but we have lost no love of the beautiful.

It is a challenge, not a catastrophe. A generation that has conquered the air and has sent giant planes circling the globe, which has plunged into the depths and disported the ocean's floor, which has climbed above the clouds and lived in the stratosphere, is now faced with the challenge to rise about its dependence on mere things and seek an emancipation of the spirit of man.

The last six months have been for many men a thrilling spiritual adventure through which they have discovered their real worth. Bereft of dividends and profits, they are discovering the sustaining powers of a strong religious faith, the abiding values of courage, heroism, honor, charity and unworldliness.

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District News

From Our Own Correspondents

HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

Mrs. G. Thornton, senior, is at present visiting here with her son, George Thornton.

Mrs. H. O. Westrup entertained at her home on Thursday evening last. Whist was played, prizes being won by: Mrs. D. Grant, Miss B. C. Sellen and Mrs. F. Willett.

Only a few attended the fortnightly bridge drive last week, owing to the Moose dance at Blairmore, but an enjoyable time was spent with bridge, followed by dancing.

Mrs. J. Mackie entertained friends at her home on Friday for a game of whist.

The stork visited Hillcrest again on Saturday, leaving a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Wariner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Thornton were Calgary visitors last week.

The Welsh Society held another of their series of whist drives on Monday evening in the Catholic hall. It was very well attended. Prizes were awarded to: ladies' first, Mrs. M. Dade; gentlemen's first, J. Watson; second, Glyn Rhys. A delightful supper was served by the ladies, then dancing continued into the early hours.

A general meeting was held for the skating rink on Wednesday night. Bob Smith was appointed rink keeper for the season. The rink was opened for skating on Sunday night.

Miss Edna Day left for Vancouver last week, where she will be joined in wedlock to J. Glover, who left here a few weeks ago. They intend making their home at the coast.

Master Douglas Norton entertained at his home on Monday night last. The whooping cough epidemic is gradually passing over.

Your correspondent extends heartfelt greetings to all readers of The Enterprise.

CORBIN HAPPENINGS

On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. P. Baratelli entertained a number of guests in honor of Mrs. J. Thompson. With everyone doing their bit, a good time was had by all, and much talent was surprisingly unearthed. Among those present were: Mrs. J. Thompson, Mrs. P. Baratelli, Mrs. J. Barnes, Mrs. W. Goss, Mrs. C. Venables, Mrs. W. Crossfield, Mrs. T. Brace, Mrs. J. Normquest, Mrs. E. Kittinger and Mrs. Joe Matt.

The dance, sponsored by the Pythian Sisters and held on Friday night, was a very pleasing affair. Excellent music was supplied by local talent.

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B. P. O. ELKS
Meets Second and Fourth Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the Moose Hall. Visitors made welcome. W. W. Scott, Exalted Ruler; J. R. McLeod, Secretary.

Donald, Mrs. B. Eccleston, Mrs. J. Kerr, Misses Johnson, Radford, Hallworth, A. Penman, G. Penman, Graham, Nicholson, Morris, E. McDonald, Cole, Kerr, Knowles, Emmerson, Matkin, M. Goodwin and K. Marcellin.

A surprise sleighing party was given Mr. Jesse Beal by his friends on Sunday last, after which a dainty supper was served.

The United church annual Christmas Tree will be held in the church on Monday next, the 21st, at 7 p.m.

The Community Christmas Tree will be held on the 22nd. The High School will hold their annual joy night in the I.O.O.F. hall same night. Miss Peggy Cole's orchestra will supply music for the dancing to follow a concert.

Your Bellevue correspondent extends to all readers of The Enterprise best wishes for the Christmas and the New Year.

COWLEY HAPPENINGS

The pupils of the senior room of the village school are very busy these days, gathering material for the first edition of their newspaper, which will be off the press and ready for circulation at Christmas time. Another edition of this paper, we understand, will be ready for the public by Easter.

Several local enthusiasts attended the whist drive in aid of the Red Cross at Lundbreck on Friday night. Mrs. Arthur Brockwell was the lucky lady to draw the ticket winning the twenty-five-dollar box of linen, given by the Cowley Women's Institute in aid of the fund. A five-dollar basket of chocolates, which was drawn for in aid of the Christmas Tree fund, was won by Miss Doris Musgrave.

A large crowd attended the whist drive, held in the Masonic hall on Wednesday night. Prizes were won by: ladies' first, Mrs. Archie Swart; consolation Miss Rosaline Percival; gentlemen's first, Dick Alexander; consolation, Sandy Thompson. Mrs. M. A. Murphy and Mrs. Harold Cleland were hostesses for the evening, with M. A. Murphy master of ceremonies. After an appetizing luncheon, the hall was cleared, and a lively two hours of dancing took place. Good music was furnished by local talent.

On Wednesday afternoon, three large boxes of clothing and toys were packed up in the United church, and sent to the Red Cross at Calgary. The village school girls are to be congratulated upon their willingness to help both with sewing and dressing of dolls, as well as the gathering of articles, which was supervised by Miss Nellie McWilliams and Mrs. Bundy. The mothers of the girls were invited to attend the tea served by Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Swart in honor of the girls who so freely gave of their time to help with this work.

Your correspondent extends the Season's Best Greetings to all readers of The Blairmore Enterprise.

A bachelor's life is just one undared thing after another.

KEEPING OPEN

CROWS' NEST PASS

The Alberta and British Columbia provincial governments can afford to spend some money to keep open the highway connecting the two provinces at Crows' Nest Pass for two reasons. One is that this is the only pass in Alberta or Montana which can be kept open in winter at small expense, and the other is that the travel which will result from keeping the Pass open will return to the governments increased revenue through their higher gasoline usage and the gasoline tax thereon. Heretofore, travel between the two provinces has been impeded by the snow, which drifts into the Pass over a distance of some five miles. It will not be a big or expensive task to keep the road open in the normal winter.—Lethbridge Herald.

Several alterations at the skating rink have been completed with a view to pleasing everybody. The band stand accommodation has been improved and readjusted to suit the members of the band, and a press-box has been reserved, next to the penalty box. This is described as a "private" box for the Albertan and should certainly mellow the tone of that august journal—High River Times.

BLAIRMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Books being placed on the shelves this week are:

"The Exploits of Arsene Lupin," by Maurice LeBlanc; "The Argyle Case," by Hornblow; "The Iron Woman," by Margaret Deland; "Two Girls in a Seige," by Edith Hanyon; "The Young Treasure Hunters," by Alfred Judd; "The Boy Scouts of Bob's Hill," by Burton; "Life of Sir Walter Scott," by J. G. Lockart; "The Bungalow Book," by White.

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WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

The Soviet Government is preparing to discard the famous Communist system of rationing food and clothes. Britain will make no binding trade agreements until the outcome of the Imperial Conference is known.

Central heating is proposed for Churchill, Manitoba's new seaport on Hudson Bay.

Captain Tikhon N. Agapov, former commander of the Russian Imperial Navy, died suddenly at Halifax.

RT. Hon. Winston Churchill, noted British statesman, is on a lecture tour in the United States.

Improved train facilities are greatly needed in Peace River country, E. H. Kitch, delegate to the Alberta pool meeting, declared.

Population of Russia in 1950, the Academy of Sciences, Moscow, estimates, will be 240,000,000.

The peal of the bell of St. Peter's has been heard for the first time in many nations in a broadcast from the Vatican radio station.

Miss Ethel Catherwood, Saskatchewan's Olympic champion, has taken up residence in San Francisco where she will remain until after the 1932 Olympic games.

Unless a solution is found for the present problem in the dairy industry of the province, Quebec faces the possibility of the abandonment of 40,000 farms.

The Department of Public Works, Ottawa, has approved of a combined highway and railway bridge which the Fraser River Bridge Company propose building at Port Mann, British Columbia.

Means Valuable Saving

Canada's Energy Requirements Met By Water-Power Industry

The water-power industry in Canada supplies nearly the entire energy requirements of the country, exclusive of that utilized for steam railways, automobiles, etc., and as a further measure of its importance it may be mentioned that the capital investment involved is rapidly approaching a billion and a half dollars. The records of the Dominion Water Power and Hydroelectric Bureau, Department of the Interior, show that during 1930 upwards of twenty billion kilowatt hours of energy were produced which, using the figure for the average coal consumption per kilowatt produced in the public utility plants in the United States, indicates an actual saving of 17,500,000 tons of coal in 1930. When we consider that for a stretch of upwards of 2,000 miles across Canada no coal mines exist the value of this saving becomes apparent.

Special Soviet Stamp

Carries Design Of Four Riders In Mud Race

On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Red army's first regular cavalry detachment a special stamp which bears a design strikingly similar to the traditional picturizations of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse, was issued by the Soviet Government. Four riders are shown in a mud race across the face of the stamp, on which is roughly outlined a map of the European section of the Soviet Union. The first of the horsemen pictured carries a large red banner; his three companions, each leaning far forward on his horse, carry their weapons above their heads.

Sold Member's Hat

Vincent Carter, member of the United States House of Representatives from Wyoming, entered a shop where many odds and ends were displayed to a big feminine crowd. He respectfully put down his hat and walked around. In less than no time the saleswomen had sold the hat for the benefit of a hospital in Ketchikan, Alaska.



"Yes. Already she has been moved," said the young man, "Lustige Koller Zeitung, Cologne."

W. N. U. 1920

North Country Brought Close To Civilization

Remote Settlements Served By Chain Of Wireless Stations

Ten years ago communication between points within the North West Territories and the world at large involved a delay of weeks during the summer season and of months during the winter. Seven years ago the Department of the Interior, through its North West Territories and Yukon Branch, took the first step towards bridging the north country closer to civilization. With Edmonton as a base a chain of wireless stations was built which served Simpson on the Mackenzie River as well as Dawson and Mayo in the Yukon Territory. Since that year the northern wireless system has been extended until today Fort Smith, Resolution, Simpson, Norman, Akilavik, and Herschel Island on the west with Comberline and Chesterfield Inlet to the east are equipped with wireless offices, which handle ordinary commercial messages to and from all parts of the world. In addition some of the wireless arduous offices are equipped with broadcasting plants by means of which they are enabled to relay commercial messages and daily news bulletins to the more remote settlements.

Grain Show Held At Prince Albert

Fine Samples Of Wheat And Oats Were Exhibited

With a view to producing grain of sufficiently high quality to exhibit at the World's Grain Show at Regina, Sask., in 1933, the Prince Albert Board of Trade staged a grain show recently.

The samples exhibited were produced from seed sent out by the board to the most successful growers of the district. There were 15 lots of Redwheat sent out in five-bushel lots, and ten lots of Marvellous oats of five bushels each.

The exhibit showed fine results in both classes, the winners being chosen for plumpness, soundness, colour, freedom from disease and from other varieties of grain. Professor Manley Champlain, of the Field Husbandry Department, Saskatchewan University, was the judge. The yield of the grain on exhibit was: Wheat, 40 to 50 bushels per acre; oats, 80 to 100 bushels per acre. There were 20 exhibitors in all. First, second and third prizes were awarded in both classes and comprised three, two and one sacks of the best grade of flour produced by the Waskesla Milling Company.

Have Not Learned Lesson

Nations Paying For Last War Are Preparing For Next

Taxes are high—federal, provincial and municipal—because we have not learned the lesson of the last war, too high, most people think. But it has occurred to the average citizen that out of every hundred dollars received by the Dominion Government, forty-two dollars go to pay for the cost of the recent war? The interest on the war debt, pensions for disabled men, provision for the care of dependents of those killed in the war, etc., cost the country that tremendous proportion of our national income. And it will so continue so long as most of us live.

That cannot be avoided now and most of the other nations are in the same boat. But there should be a lesson in it for all of them. Have they learned the lesson? Not so they are spending more for war preparations right now than ever before.—Kitchener Record.

Floodlighting For Ships

Merchant ships will soon adopt the style of large buildings and monuments and go to sea floodlighted in a way that will make their identity clear at great distances, in the opinion of Samuel G. Hibben, manager of the engineering department of the Westinghouse Lamp Company. Foreign lines have already developed the idea, notably the North German Lloyd, whose liner "Europa" carries a large electric sign amidships on each side blazing forth her name.

New Radio Microphone

A new radio microphone weighing two and a half pounds, about three inches in diameter and of approximately the same thickness, has been perfected. It can be operated efficiently in rainy weather or in any position. It requires no local amplifier or battery such as is employed with the condenser microphone.

"The compass," said the young man, "who knew a lot about every thing, 'always points north, you see.'"

"Then it's just too bad," sighed the beautiful girl, "if you happen to want to go south, isn't it?"

CANADIAN MISSIONARIES SAIL FOR LIBERIA



This picture shows Miss Florence Stacey, Rev. Edward Hancox and Mrs. Hancox, three missionaries from the Union of Regular Baptist Churches of Ontario and Quebec, who sailed from Montreal on the "Ascandia" for missionary work in Liberia.

Production Falls Behind

Soviet Government Has Failed To Complete 1931 Program

The Communist newspaper "Pravda" admits that Soviet Russia has failed to fulfill its 1931 program under the five-year plan in certain branches of industry, but predicted that the entire plan would be more than fulfilled in four years, or by the end of 1932.

Industrial production for the first 10 months of 1931 was only 19.4 per cent. over that of 1930, the newspaper said, whereas the plan called for a 45 per cent. increase for the whole year in comparison with last.

Because of imperfect acoustics in rooms and halls, it was found in tests that the average adult fails to grasp one word out of every 12 that are spoken.

Canada's Domestic Loans

It was in the War years of 1915 when Canada first attempted to float a domestic loan, and the history of that and subsequent loans, is of interest at this time. The following is the record, in millions:

	Asked	Subscribed
1915	\$ 50	\$103,729,000
1916	100	201,444,000
1917	150	260,768,000
1917	150	386,000,000
1918	300	660,000,000
1919	300	678,000,000
1931	150	215,000,000

Frank—"I had a balance in the bank before I got married."

Sid—"Ah, love makes the world go round."

Frank—"It made me go round all right. I went around so fast I lost my balance."

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DECEMBER 20

THE SUPREME GIFT OF LOVE—CHRISTMAS LESSON

Golden Text: "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."—1 John 4:11.

Lesson: 1 John 4:7-19.

Devotional Reading: John 15:12-17.

Explanations and Comments

Love the Proof of Sonship, verses 7, 8—"Beloved," wrote John, the beloved disciple, "let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God." Love is not an attribute of God, but His very Being, and since love proceeds from God, we who are His sons must prove our sonship by our love. "He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love." This negative counterpart of verse 8 emphasizes the thought that "Love is the lens through which I discern the secret things of God."

The Supreme Gift of God, verses 9, 10—"The incarnation is the manifestation of God's love. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16.

God's Love the Ground For Our Love Of Others, verse 11—"God's love for us lays upon us the obligation of loving one another, for in this way we show our love for God."

Love the Proof of God's Spirit In Us, verses 12-18—"God's presence cannot be seen, but it can be appreciated by its results: where there is seen a man, it proves the presence of God's Spirit within him. And God's love is completed in us: His abiding in us is the most complete expression of His love. Through the Spirit which God has given us we have the consciousness of actual fellowship with God. Furthermore, we have another proof of His love, which we have beheld and bear witness (we who lived with Him on earth have seen His love and His love for us) that we can testify in that Father hath sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. He who confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, lives in true fellowship with God. And we who saw Jesus know the love of God, for as God is love, and He that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him. There is only one Love, and our love, whatever it may be, is merely an infinitesimal expression of that love."

Love In Relation To The Day Of Judgment, verses 17, 18—"We must love one another, that we may have confidence to the great day of judgment, because as He is even so are we in this world. "This is to our aim: that the life of Christ in us shall be, and do what the life of Christ was and did in Him of God. We are to live that our life shall repeat the life of Jesus of Nazareth."—Alexander MacKenzie.

"Fear springs from the consciousness that punishment is deserved, and from the expectation that it will be inflicted. Love emancipates from fear. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear. "One result of love made perfect is absence of fear, confidence that both here and hereafter no real evil can overtake us. To be in God, to be as Christ is, must mean that we are not afraid."—High Bible.

"A word of chance I dreamed one night. Where chaos lived without restraint; The dreadful terror of that night No brush of mine can ever paint.

"From dream of night to truth of day, I woke at last to gladness awe; I know as fact, taught me no gainsay. That God is love, and love is law."

—James I. Vance.

Toronto May Float Loan

Would Follow Plan Of Recent Dominion Service Loan

Following the recent successful flotation of the Dominion Service Loan, it was stated that the next municipal bond issue in Toronto may be made on the same internal basis, and that it would be payable in United States money as well as Canadian money. Civic Finance Commissioner George Wilson said he favoured the idea of Toronto doing its financing internally or in England "when the time arrives and it is propitious to do so." The city, however, is not contemplating going on the market in the immediate future, it was said.

Ship Sea Water To London

A shipment of one and one-half tons of sea water contained in a large number of glass bottles, has travelled 7,418 miles from Callao, Peru, to Liverpool. The water was taken from the Humboldt current, which runs along the western seaboard of South America. It has been sent to London for chemical analysis to determine the properties of the Humboldt current.

Exercise Test

Twenty-one per cent. of the tourists who answered a Canadian questionnaire which is sent out for statistical purposes took the trouble to mention the courtesy of the police and customs officials whom they had encountered in Canada. This is a fine tribute to the two classes of men who work calls for the exercise of considerable tact. And they are apparently exercising it.

Many Demands On Service

Forest Products Laboratories Of Canada Assist Wood-Using Industries

The Forest Products Laboratories of the Forest Service, Department of the Interior, extend to the wood-using industries of Canada, including the pulp and paper industry, advice and assistance in the various problems which arise in converting the standing tree into the finished commercial product.

These laboratories were first organized and established in Montreal in 1913. On account of the rapid development of the pulp and paper industry and the increase in the uses to which wood is being put, demands on the services of the Laboratories have correspondingly increased. Its work is carried out in three different centres, viz., Ottawa, Montreal, and Vancouver.

The importance of Pacific Coast problems, as well as the great distance from the Montreal laboratories, made it necessary to open in 1918 a branch laboratory in Vancouver, and since its establishment the work of this laboratory has increased steadily. It is excellently accommodated in buildings provided by the province on the grounds of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

The research program of the Laboratories in Montreal was for several years seriously handicapped on account of limited and unsuitable accommodation. Besides, the pulp and paper industry had so many technical problems requiring attention that it offered to provide the pulp and paper division of the laboratories with better accommodation for its work. The old buildings were therefore demolished in 1927 to make way for the pulp and paper research institute and the main laboratories were moved to Ottawa, where excellent facilities were available.

The main laboratories at Ottawa are operated under eight divisions as follows: Wood Preservation, Timber Mechanics, Lumber Sensing, Timber Pathology, Timber Physics, Wood Utilization, Markets and Exhibits, and Office Administration.

Puts Fortune In Stamps

London Dealer Paid Twenty-Five Thousand Pounds For Collection

A London dealer has just put his entire fortune into one block of foreign stamps, cornering the whole issues of Abyssinian stamps that preceded the new designs of which the Emperor Ras Tafari has approved.

The catalogue value of the purchase exceeds twenty-five thousand pounds, and the collection includes some remarkable series, which reflect the history of Abyssinia since its admission into the postal union. There are early stamps incorporating the symbolic Lion of Judah, others marking the memorable coronation of Ras Tafari and three sets which bear the official surcharge of the air mail.

Knew His Horse

An old gentleman who had just made up his mind that he must buy a horse, his old mare having become a little uncertain on foot, met a dealer. "John," he said, "I'm thinking of buying a horse. Do you know of anyone who's got a nice animal to sell?" The dealer considered for a moment, and then replied, "I think Bill Davis has, sir, or he will have in a day or two. I sold him one yesterday."

Charity Fashion

Paris has gone to the charity for its latest fashion. Since 1890 she has worn a black knitted "pelerine," a small cape which covers the shoulders. They are now vogue with all costumes and on occasions. Some will have fur to match, others velvet and satin.

Building permits issued in Belgium are greater than a year ago.

London has a night lawn tennis craze.



"I have said 'Good Health' to you six times, and you have taken no notice. Must I get drunk in the middle of the day just to teach you manners?"—Maggendorfer Diester, Munich.

Local and General Items

If a flea can live under water for seventy-five hours, why the devil doesn't he stay there?

Col. W. C. Bryan has resigned the police commission for Alberta, to take effect from December 15th. He has been twenty-four years in the service.

A nationally known sociologist says that the best way to get the most out of life is to fall in love with a beautiful woman or a great problem. Why not choose the first and get both.

A traffic item in an English paper reads: "The sign should be given by holding out the right arm as far as possible, at least twenty or thirty yards, before making the turn."

Authorities at Jackson, Michigan, are in a quandary because they have arrested so many bootleggers who can not pay their fines that there is not enough room for them in jail.

A Minneapolis visitor to these parts says that Alberta knows nothing at all about hard times. "Why," he declares, "down our way we have even had a slump in our depression."

Members of the Westville, Nova Scotia, branch of the Canadian Legion have passed a resolution requiring withdrawal from the branch of any legionnaire who is a member of Local No. 50 of the Mine Workers' Union of Canada.



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The chief cause of divorce is matrimony.

A local guy, who is getting tired of writing love letters, is now applying for a letters patent.

"Doc" Chapelle says he had to do some chiropractic work on his car on Saturday night to enable him to get home from Calgary.

"A dollar goes a long way," remarked a greenhorn sport on the local golf course recently. He had to buy another ball.

"Added to the already high cost of liquor in the United States will be millions of dollars being invested in coastguard rum-chasers."



About thirty Ukrainian miners from Drumheller have signed up for jobs in Russia. The contract provides that the men have to pay their own transportation to Russia and must immediately apply for citizenship upon arrival. The contract covers a three-year period at seven dollars a day.

Every minute: A baby is born, two husbands get shot, three fires break out, four girls leave home, five girls come back, six automobiles are wrecked, seven cashiers go out walking, eight people get hurt, nine men need automobiles; the Enterprise is used for wrapping up community effort or being placed under carpets.

The funny man in one newspaper says that the best thing about depression is that you always live through them and emerge much faster. He also figures that the calico market could be saved if the ladies would wear larger bustles. Of course, being a gentleman, that is a subject he could not touch, except during banking hours.

At Drumheller last week, all vacancies on the council, school and hospital boards were filled by acclamation. Allan Hamilton and Lorne A. Jackson were re-elected to the council for a further term of two years, and Charles Burnham for a similar term, completing the term of Alderman McIntyre. Mr. Hamilton was a former resident of Blairmore and for some years a member of the school board here.

Okoitoks complains that hockey in that centre this season is not being sufficiently well patronized.

The Bellevue Terriers won over the Coleman Junior Miners in an overtime period on Monday night.

Mr. Arthur Hadwell was obliged to re-enter hospital on Thursday evening last for further treatment.

Mr. V. A. Bowes, assistant district passenger agent of the C.P.R., was a visitor to this district during the week.

Twenty-five years ago this week, J. H. Farmer, present mayor of Blairmore, was elected overseer of the town of Frank.

The living quarters of the personnel of the Royal Canadian Signals radio station at Fort Smith, N.W.T., were totally destroyed by fire on Friday last.

The Claresholm Local Press queries: If Canadians can subscribe more than two hundred millions in less than a week, why has so much of our national financing been done in New York?

Mr. H. H. Greisbach, who for a number of years has been in charge of the customs' office here, is shortly to be transferred to Vancouver, B.C. The name of his successor here has not yet been announced.

After several days of negotiations, bail bonds to the extent of \$400,000 were completed Monday for the release of eight Communists recently convicted of being members of an unlawful assembly at Toronto. All are appealing against their convictions.

Right Hon. Winston Churchill was struck down by an automobile in New York and is said to be in danger of developing a pleural hemorrhage.

Safeways have opened a store at Pincher Creek, with Mr. David Petrie, of Lethbridge, in charge. We understand their Blairmore store will open early in the month of January in the Peuchen block.

Much interest is being manifested in the forthcoming pugilistic go-between Jimmy Burrill and Kid Hughes, and accompanying preliminaries, to be staged at the local Columbia Hall (formerly Blairmore opera house) on the evening of December the 23rd. In this connection, an announcement appeared in our last week's issue, and unfortunately an item referring to hockey and bearing the name of Frank, was purported by some to apply to Frank Barrington, the promoter of this boxing exhibition. But, no, the Frank referred to in that small item is well known and has the desire to settle a contest on ice with the fist instead of with the puck and hockey stick in admirable form. Blairmore hockey suffered from this same "fighting" man for a few seasons, and the sympathy of all real sports is now extended to Coleman.

The following comment was made editorially by the Drumheller Review: "Just as an instance to show that the citizens admire a man who is a fighter, even though some of the things he suggests are freely criticized. Alderman Sam Savage, at the recent Calgary city elections, headed the polls with a wonderful vote, and he had the most powerful newspaper against him, telling the voters that he was practically a most unsafe man to be on the council. His own organization refused to back him, but he stepped out as an independent, and, well, it was just too bad for those who were telling the wide, wide world that the genial Sam, who has lived in and boosted Calgary for well over a quarter of a century, was not good enough for the city of Calgary's council. Sam Savage made mistakes, but he was a bonnie fighter for what he thought was the best for his city, and the ladies joined the men, and put Alderman Savage right over the top."



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Fruit Cake	FRUIT and VEGETABLES	Mince Meat
Christie's, per lb 40c Christie's Fancy Biscuits, Cheese Wafers, Sodas	Jap Oranges, box \$1.30 Bananas, 2 lbs 35c Grapes, 1 lb 25c Florida Grape Fruit, each 15c Cranberries, 1 lb 25c Oranges, Lemons, Apples	Bowes, per lb 20c Marachino Cherries, per bble 20c, 40c

Ginger Wine	Ginger Ale	CHINAWARE
Earmon's, per bottle 60c Welsh Grape Juice, bottle 10c	Adanac Dry, pints, per doz \$1.50	Cups and Saucers, 35c or 3 for \$1.00 English China Cups and Saucers, real value, each 75c Cream and Sugars, per pair 65c - \$1.00 - \$1.15 Fancy Cake Plate, 75c - Berry Sets, 7 pieces, 85c

NASH COFFEE	SCOTT'S GROCERY	RED ROSE TEA
Per tin 55c A Good Cup of Coffee	We are agents for Frache Bros. Cut Flowers and Plants	Per lb 55c Red Rose Tea is Good Tea

The Bellevue Bulldogs were defeated 4-1 by the Coleman Canadians on Friday night.

"Matrimony is a place where souls suffer for a time on account of their sins," writes Bobby.

A classified ad reads: "Wanted, good man for piggy." This should be a good job for a summer road-hog.

Most of the moralists, you will find, are persons who have a strong weakness for minding other people's business.

REMINGTON PORTABLE TYPE-WRITER, value \$75, like new, will sell for \$30 cash, apply Mrs. Altmatt, phone 153.

Large numbers availed of the opportunity of free skating at the arena on Sunday afternoon last, and a neat sum was realized by a silver collection to go to the Red Cross funds.

Evan Morgan, secretary of the Blairmore local union, left by Saturday night's train for Edmonton, where he and other workers' representatives will confer with the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Not one person in 100,000 can pronounce all these common words correctly: data, gratis, culinary, cocaine, gondola, version, impious, chic, Caribbean, Viking. Can you? If you think so, look in the dictionary.

The flying snake, found only in Java and Malaysia, possesses the unbelievable ability to flatten itself out like a ribbon and sail from tree to tree. When it makes a descent, it falls down to the ground in spiral fashion.

CARD OF THANKS

The Ladies' Aid of the Blairmore United church wish to thank all those who donated towards the supper, held in the church on Tuesday evening, or contributed to ards its success.

DR. A. E. SHORE, of Drs. Gunn, Hackney & Shore, Calgary, will be at the office of Dr. R. F. Stewart, Blairmore, on the afternoon of Friday, December 18th. Anyone wishing to consult him with regard to Eye, Ear, Nose or Throat, please make appointment with Dr. Stewart.

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When the voices of the angel host proclaiming the birth of the Christ broke the clear, crisp stillness of that Judean night nearly two thousand years ago, the shepherds on the hill-sides of Bethlehem heard the first Gloria in Excelsis and also the very first of all Christmas carols. The angels sang first of "Glory to God"; then they sang of "Peace on earth, good will toward men," and it was this message of peace and good will that has been significant in making the Christmas the finest and most beautiful day in all the year.

In every civilized land, whether man be of the Christian faith or not they celebrate in song and story the anniversary of the time when the Bethlehem shepherds "saw the new day dawning and darkness put to flight." No matter what may be their religious belief or sect—no matter what regard they may hold the splendid figure in the manger at Bethlehem, or in the garden of Gethsemane or on the hill of Calvary—they cannot fail to be exalted at the jubilant voice of Christmas with its message of joy and of hope and of love to all mankind.

No other holiday has so rich a heritage of old customs and observance as Christmas. With our own custom we are well familiar. Sprays of holly and mistletoe, fragrant boughs of spruce and pine, glossy wreaths of laurel and red, and brightly glowing tapers give evidence that the spirit of Christmas is again abroad in the land, and are symbols of the love and glory which was able to transform even the lowly stable behind the inn into the holiest of all human sanctuaries—a home. And so it is that not only in our own land, but in all the lands of the earth, though the customs and modes of observance may vary with the different peoples, there is one mode of observance which is the same in every land, in every language—the Christmas song.

The spirit of Christmas and song are inseparable. The angels first told their story in song, and from that day on wherever Christmas has been observed, it has been so, first an accompaniment, with the singing of noel and carols. The word "noel," French and signifies a song or hymn of joy, the word itself having had its origin in the French word *nouvel* which means "news" or "good tidings." The English word "carol" comes from two Latin words, *cantare*, which means "to sing," and *cola*, an intention of joy.

The first carolers after the angel were the village waits, or watchmen who walked through the towns during the long winter nights to prevent depredation and to call out the watch and on the eve of Christmas the self-appointed minstrels of the Nativity would herald the midnight silence with the sweetness of their dreamlike and mysterious melodies—sometimes making up the songs as they went along, after the manner of the troubadours; sometimes singing the festive songs already well known to their drowsy listeners.

In 1521, Wynken de Worde, said to have been the second printer in London, printed and issued the first known set of Christmas carols. The songs were rather of the festive type as are most of the Christmas carols which we know today.

One of the earliest and best known of the English festival songs was called "Ceremonies for Christmas" and another popular festival song of English origin is the "Boar's Head Carol," which is still sung each year at Queen's college, Oxford. "The Wassail Song," "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen," "The first Nowell," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and "Good Christmas Men, Rejoice," all have come to us from England and are among the finest of all Christmas songs.

From Germany comes the happy "Tannhäuser" and one of the best loved of all Christmas carols, "Silent Night, Holy Night." From France comes the "March of the Kings," well known not only as a Christmas song, but whose melody is utilized by Bizet

for the prelude to his delightful "L'Arlésienne Suite."

America can claim as its own the well known "We Three Kings of the Orient Are," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "It came Upon a Midnight Clear," and several others no so well known, perhaps, but which are very interesting.

Certainly the most universal of all Christmas songs is Portugal's "Adeste Fideles," or "Come All Ye Faithful." In every land where Christmas songs are sung this glorious hymn is known and loved and sung not only in the Christmas season but throughout the year.—Clifford Bloom.

ARE WOMEN SHEEP?

Benjamin Altie, a physician and writer, of Toronto, presents an article in the Canadian Home Journal province, undoubtedly that women are like sheep. He says: "Even today, women move in a male dominated world where men determine what they shall do, how they shall do it and what reward they shall receive."

1. Take the matter of clothes. After a short burst of freedom and commonsense, they have been meekly led back to the servitude of hampshire, skirts, high heels and so on, by the beckoning of a few French dressmakers—all men.

2. Home is woman's special sphere, but the architecture is masculine in construction and conception. The plumbing, heating, ventilation, decorations, furniture, are all man-made. The holy of holies, the kitchen, is a man-made. As soon as men start helping with housework, labor-saving multiplied.

3. They did win the vote but have they made their presence felt? Even in the great matter of world peace have they spoken with any organizing voice? One has the impression the women have bowed to old male political shibboleths.

4. They should show organized interest in education. But beyond the fontessori system, which came from a country where women have no vote, know of no one outstanding contribution which women have made. Indeed it is mainly men who are protesting against our very imperfect educational system. Our women are not without protest a system which we have the grotesque spectacle of school matrons teaching boys to be manly and astigmatic professors in trousers pointing the way to duty to girls.

5. Women do give more service to churches than men. There are active activities to compare with the Ladies' Aid and the Missionary Society. But are there women trustees, deacons, elders, ministers? Rarely indeed, and then the encouragement is all from the men. I believe that the Creator can do work through the male in guiding his people?

6. One would think that in her own special, inescapable role of motherhood, women would have united their energies in an effort to reduce the terrible maternal mortality rate. Demand more and better maternity hospitals, better training in obstetrics. Do they take that most important matter of child birth seriously at all? Sometimes I doubt it. I read of intelligently approaching or even particular duty of motherhood in a concerted effort to reduce hunger and pain, they agree to have thrown child-bearing, along with other slavish duties, into the diabolical, in their inability to compete in man's world. Consider the preparation—or lack of preparation—of the average intelligent young woman for marriage and maternity. Consider the turmoil of her wedding preparations, her wedding, her post-nuptial social demands. In such grotesque fashion do many of our daughters train for their first and most important pregnancy. In the course of a couple of centuries, finding themselves still in the thrall of child-bearing, they may realize that their destiny is after all different from man's. They may begin to organize a truly feminine way of life.

SPELL IT IN FULL

Abbreviating of the Word "Christmas" Spells a Noble Word.

Cherries of many of the denominations have joined in a protest against the abbreviation of the word "Christmas." They declare that writing it "Xmas" is irrelevant and should not be permitted. It is said that with one exception letters sent out to Christian leaders brought replies in protest against the abbreviated form of using the word. If not irrelevant certainly it is not good taste and spoils the appearance of one of the finest words in the whole language.

The protest is timely for many reasons. There is no occasion for abbreviating the name of Christ. Moreover Christmas is an event that appeals to nearly all, both non-believers as well as believers. It signifies much more than a religious observance. Nearly all the world, non-Christians as well as those who observe the day as the birth of their Lord and Saviour, make Christmas the occasion for good deeds. It makes a sort of spiritual revival that affects the people of all faiths and creeds. It is the time when all mankind is drawn closer together, when selfishness is more nearly crucified than at any other period of the year; when men of all beliefs vie with each other in the doing of good deeds. Hearts are softened at this season of the year and acts that at other times would be quickly done, are now, for the time being at least, barred by qualms of conscience. The better and finer impulses of mankind, that often during months appear to be submerged by the selfish desires of the flesh, are for a brief period, in the ascendancy.

For all these reasons the word "Christmas" is now come to be one of the noblest and most inspiring in the language. To the devout followers of the Jovial Nazarene it is the occasion for the celebration with means of praise and songs of thanksgiving of the coming of man's Redeemer; to the non-Christians it is the time of rejoicing because it proves man's humanity to man. That is why it is the most widely observed of all the "red letter" days in the calendar of time.



CHRISTMAS GAMES.

Pleasant Hours May Be Spent at Unusual Games.

Christmas is always a time of merriment and the hostess who can provide a series of mirth-provoking games is assured of success. An amusing way to manage an evening's entertainment is to appoint some central man a Lord of Misrule, after the early English fashion, giving him the sceptre for the evening, with power to name the games, forfeits and rewards.

Pitching snowballs through a holly or fir wreath can provide a lot of fun. The balls of cotton-wool are allotted certain values, 1, 5, 10, etc. The guests are divided into teams, each guest taking a turn at throwing the balls through. The number on each ball which goes through is added to that team's score.

Those who are to take part in the obstacle race must leave the room to be brought back just one at a time. A course is prepared, ornaments, books, etc., being placed here and there along the way. The player is told that he must avoid all the articles, under penalty. When he is blindfolded the obstacles are quietly removed, but his elaborate efforts to avoid the obstacles which do not exist are always amusing for the on-lookers and to the player, when the fold is removed from his eyes.

Ask each guest to bring in a baby photograph taken in early childhood or infancy. When you have collected them all, arrange them in a row on the wall and have the guests guess as to the identity of them. A prize may be given for the one who makes the most correct guesses.

ETERNAL FOE OF CRUELTY.

Much as Christmas has meant to humanity, it has meant no less to those lowlier fellow creatures who share with men life's joys and sorrows. Whatever the burden of suffering that rests upon the animal world today, it is less by many fold than it was before that night when a little child was born in the stable of Bethlehem inn. The spirit of Christmas is the eternal foe of cruelty. No man who yields to its way can look with other than kindly eyes upon the least of those living things that have capacity for pain.

DELIVERING TOYS IN SPAIN.

In Spain, as in most of the Spanish-American countries, the legend of Santa Claus gives place to the tradition of the Magi. At some time between the night of January 5 and dawn of January 6 the Three Wise Men of the East initiate Santa by ridding the soot of chimneys in order to deliver toys to good children.

Christmas Candles.

Burning of candles in the window the night before Christmas is one of the features of the Swedish celebration of the festival. The candles, lighted on Christmas eve, are supposed to last till 6 a.m. the next day, the traditional hour of the Swedish Christmas mass.

Girls Still Like Dolls.

In spite of all the advanced ideas of the rising generation, the average small girl still likes a doll as well as she likes any other Christmas present.



Crombie Allen, formerly president of the California Newspapers Association, recently returned from his second trip in the last three years to Russia. Martin Penn, of the Editor and Publisher, New York, sought to interview Mr. Allen on his Russian tour. Here is Mr. Allen's reply: "I have two stories to tell about Russia. The first is the one, I can't go back to Russia, as I hope to in 1932. If I tell the other, I can't stay here." Well, practically the same sort of reply was made to a paper some months ago by a gentleman who had returned from Russia, where he had been engaged for some time in technical work. However, enough was gathered from his reply to give a picture of conditions in Russia. The picture, suggested by men like these is not flattering to Russia or to humanity. There is no other country today that adopts so slavish or rigid censorship as Russia, a censorship which extends from beyond its own borders, and is an astounding contrast to the cry for tolerance and for freedom of speech so frequently voiced in other countries. On behalf of the emissaries of Russia—EX.

A direct link between Western Canada and Cuba was forged this month with the inauguration of the Canadian National Steamships' service to Havana and the departure of the freighter, Canadian Farmer, from Georgetown, P.E.I. The ship carried a cargo of varied Canadian produce and merchandise and it is expected that her return cargo will constitute one of the largest shipments of Cuban products ever brought direct to the Dominion.

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for Christmas and the Coming
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CHRISTMAS PROVERBS

To issue an invitation is to make ourselves responsible for our guest's happiness as long as he is under our roof.

It is a sin against hospitality to open your door and shut up your countenance.

The giver makes the gift precious.

A gift with a kind countenance is a double present.

The charitable give out at the door and God puts in at the window.

There is no grace in a gift that sticks to the fingers.

Hearts alone buy hearts.

Kindness like grain, increases by sowing.—Montreal Herald.

GOODBYE SORROW!
(A Christmas Wish)

I'm packing my grips tomorrow,
I'm saying goodbye to sorrow,
For "Thirty-one" is on the wane,
I'll never see this year again.

Was once a laugh, there's been a pain,
I've known a loss, so too a gain;
But 'twixt them all an even span,
Since first "One-Nine-Three-One" began.

Could we but once review our ways—
Delve deep and clear from childhood days—
Life is a book of loose-leaf pages,
We'd know it not, 't'hen thr' the ages

Let's not regret, nor even sigh,
As old Dad Time goes stepping by;
Rather give him a rousing cheer,
And call Dame Fortune to appear.

My toast is joy for thee and thine,
A fervent hope for me and mine;
May fortune smile on all today,
And every day in every way.

—Sylvia Crosby

GUEST TOWELS

Smart paper towels are being offered to take the place of the embroidered guest towels that no guest ever uses.—Trade news item.

The guest towel, done in past shades

Of lavender and rose,
Is not to dry one's hands upon,
As everybody knows.

It decorates the bathroom wall,
Unspotted and apart,
For guests and others to admire
The needle worker's art.

The guest towel joke is ages old,
And yet it's never new;
Without old stand-bys such as this
What would the jokesmiths do?

No laughter, on the other hand,
But language mostly foul,
Is stimulated by the crass
And futile paper towel.

So let the busy presses run
And let the printers print.
A million reams of paper towels
Of every shape and tint;

Let them be advertised as smart,
Aristocratic, swanky—
And I will wipe my dripping hands
Upon my pocket hanky!

ROADS AND REVENUES

Canada's investment in highways is said to total \$900,000,000, covering roads estimated at 390,000 miles in length. It seems like a lot of money but this is discounted when it is taken into consideration that tourist traffic from 1921 to 1930 alone is said to have brought \$1,600,000,000 to the Dominion. Ontario's provincial treasurer is authority for the statement that motor tourist traffic revenue of Ontario pays a 100 per cent dividend annually on Ontario's total investment in highways. This may be accepted the more readily in view of official statements from the Canadian Section of the Society of Automotive Engineers. The Society states that revenue from motor vehicles in Canada, including registration and gasoline tax, totalled \$41,076,405 in 1930, an increase of \$1,745,103, or 4.3 per cent over the previous year.

The ring of the wedding bells is the cheapest ring used in marriage.

CHRISTMAS BRINGS MUCH
FOR BOTH OLD AND YOUNG

Christmas is a time of joy for the old as well as for the young. If it is given only to youth to enjoy many of the pleasures that Christmas brings, age finds its compensations in the wealth of the memories that the day awakes. At no other time does such hallowed and lovely remembrances of days that are past stir the heart. Again, we live in the land of child hood; we revel in its happy, carefree hours; we stand before candle-lit Christmas trees that thrilled us in the long ago. With swift steps we travel across the bridge of time and space and clasp hands with those of other years. Again we live happy hours of comradeship and understandings that were ours.

Through the year we may have forgotten how rich we were; we may have failed to recall the many lovely joys that have come to us through the years. But at Christmas it is different. Absent friends and joys, as well as those that are near, bring us joy and cheer. Even those who have passed on into the land beyond seem to be with us today; the power of love and memory seems to have pierced the veil that hid them from our view. Dear and half-forgotten memories of hours we spent with them bring them very close.

Yes, Christmas holds much for the old. And its greatest gifts are to those who have laid up a treasure of lovely memories day by day.—Katherine Edelman.

FROM ALL SUCH THINGS,
GOOD LORD, DELIVER US!

The editor of the Clarendon Local Press, suggests a few of the pests from which he prays to be delivered. From the open saloon argument. From the unemployment. From the egotism of man. From the men wearing sideburns. From men wearing one-quarter by one-half inch moustaches.

From the man who goes about blaming his bad luck and his down fall on a woman—Adam's old alibi.

From narrow-minded persons, gossipers, sarcastic wits, the boaster, the perpetual knocker who never believes in the worth of anything new, forgetting that all our accepted customs, ideas, and everyday conveniences, were at one time only experiments and were also ostracized, and otherwise all persons who are sure they know how someone else should live in order to be happy, thus measuring all others' likes and dislikes with their own miserable little lives, O Lord, deliver us.

CANADIAN FISH

More than twenty different kinds of food fish and shellfish are taken in commercial fishing operations on Canada's Pacific coast, more than thirty in Atlantic waters, and over twenty varieties in great inland or freshwater areas. The sea fish comprise: alewives (or gaspereau), bass, black cod, capelin, codfish, catfish, cusk, eel, flounders, frill, plaice, greyfish (to logfish), haddock, hake, halibut, herring, ling cod, mackerel, octopus, oolichon, perch, pilchards, pollock, red salmon, sardines, shad, skate, mussels, soles, sturgeon, squid, swordfish, tomcod, trout, tuna, whiting; also fur seals, hair seals, porpoises and whales. Shellfish comprise: clams, quahaugs, cockles, lobsters, oysters, crabs, scallops, shrimps and winkles. Inland fish are: alewives, bass, blue pickerel, carp, catfish, cels, goldeneye, herring, muskies, mullie, perch, pickerel (dore), pike, salmon, saugers, shad, smelts, sturgeon, trout, tullibee and whitefish.

All the varieties of fish taken in inland fisheries do not occur, of course, in every province where freshwater fishing operations are conducted.

"It was terrible," said Mrs. Patterson. "There were twenty-seven Swedes and an Irishman killed in the wreck."

"Indeed," said Mrs. Archer. "The poor men!"

FORGET NOT

It's a grand old world when things go right,
Having all we need and the sun shines bright;

Good health and plenty of food to eat,
With just enough for the occasional treat;

A job at good pay, that is pretty secure;

It's a grand old world you may be sure.

We can live in comfort, no reason why
The blessings of life we should not enjoy.

No reason at all if you do what is right;

Life for you should continue to be merry and bright.

But to get greater joy and do something fine,

Help your fellow man, enjoy life's sunshine.

Perhaps your neighbor has lost his smile,

He has not worked for a long, long while;

He has tramped the streets day after day,

vainly seeking work—it's pathetic—say.

His little wife tries to cheer him on;

Their few dollars saved, long since gone;

A peaked face and scanty clothes,
Where next meal's coming from,

God only knows.

Too proud to tell you of their plight,
Though it seems to be a losing fight;

No fuel to burn and a cupboard bare,
While you have enough and a little to spare.

You can do what is right, use a little tact;

He is looking for work, that is a fact.

Create for him a job of some kind,
Just look around, they're not hard to find.

There is a leak in the roof of your garage—

Those blocks of wood are far too large—

The path's covered with snow to the gate—

Let your neighbor put those little things straight.

Just let him think they're to be done right away,

Then you be generous with the pay.

Make him think it's a big favor to you—

You really have so much to do.

Then watch my friend, you will detect:

While you've helped him regain his self respect,

Then a smile appears on that troubled face;

The sunshine of life, through an act of grace.

It's a grand old world but a sad one too,

We all have neighbors who need helping through.

Could we all change places just for a day,

How long would conditions remain this way;

Would the garbage can contain good bread,

While hungry folks remain unfed?

Would well fed people have hearts of stone—

Still refuse the hungry dog a bone.

Let us not change because of such reason,

Let us change right now at this Christmas season.

Let the spirit of Christ permeate our hearts.

So we cannot help but do our parts.

To relieve distress, spread joy and sunshine,

And kindle a flame of real love divine.

As we cheer our friends with some little token,

Forget not the sick, poor, hungry nor heartbroken.

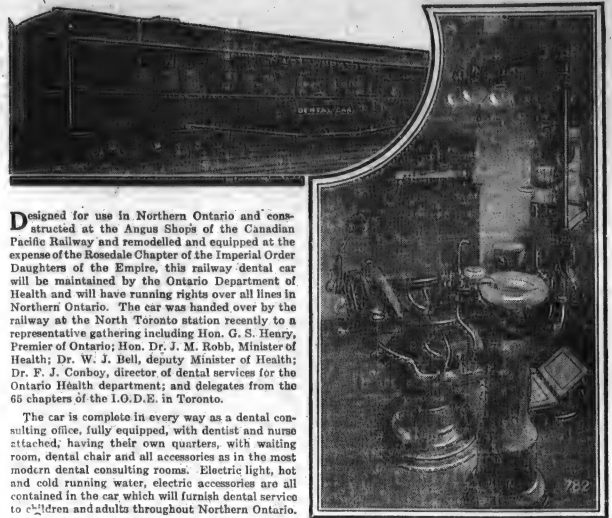
—Ellice

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, of New York, was seated at a public dinner to a son of the American revolution.

"I'd have you know," said the son, "that my grandfather signed the Declaration of Independence."

"My dear sir," the Rabbi told him, "that's nothing. My great-grandfather signed the Ten Commandments."

Dental Services to Northern Outposts



Designed for use in Northern Ontario and constructed at the Angus Shops of the Canadian Pacific Railway and remodelled and equipped at the expense of the Rosedale Chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, this railway dental car will be maintained by the Ontario Department of Health and will have running rights over all lines in Northern Ontario. The car was handed over by the railway at the North Toronto station recently to a representative gathering including Hon. G. S. Haury, Premier of Ontario; Hon. Dr. J. M. Robb, Minister of Health; Dr. W. J. Bell, deputy Minister of Health; Dr. F. J. Conboy, director of dental services for the Ontario Health department; and delegates from the 65 chapters of the I.O.D.E. in Toronto.

The car is complete in every way as a dental consulting office, fully equipped, with dentist and nurse attached, having their own quarters, with waiting room, dental chair and all accessories as in the most modern dental consulting rooms. Electric light, hot and cold running water, electric accessories are all contained in the car which will furnish dental service to children and adults throughout Northern Ontario.

CLASSROOM HOWLERS

A crimony, sometimes called holy, is another name for marriage.

What are rabies, and what would you do for them? Rabies are Jewish priests. I should do nothing for them.

A momentum is what you give to persons when they are leaving.

Contralto is a low sort of music that only ladies sing.

In Christianity a man can only have one wife. This is called monogamy.

The dog came bounding down the path emitting whelps at every bound.

Jacob, son of Isaac, stole his brother's birth mark.

Lancelot arrived at a castle, where he asked if he could be put up with

for the night.

The government of England is a limited mockery.

The letters M.D. signify "mentally deficient."

Solomon had 300 wives and 700 parcupines.

The Mediterranean and the Red Sea are connected by the Sewage canal.

Climate lasts all the time, but weather only for a few days.

Chivalry is the attitude of a man toward a strange woman.

Appendicitis is caused by information in the appendix.

A monologue is a conversation between two people, such as husband and wife.

Vesuvius is a volcano and if you

will climb to the top you will see the creator smoking.

Science is material. Religion is immaterial.

Gravily was discovered by Isaac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the autumn, when the apples are falling off the trees.

What part did the U.S. navy play in the war? It played the Star Spangled Banner.

"I want to impress upon you today the value of originality," said the teacher. "Now Annie, I want you to repeat these sentences in your own words: 'See the horse. The horse can run fast.'"

Annie: "All right teacher: 'Lamp the nag. She's some stepper!'"



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Pastoral Messages

CHRISTMAS, 1931

B-R-R-R! But that's a cold wind! and blowing from the west, too!

Usually the west wind is mild and gentle, but for days it has been blowing hard and gusty—a cold, searching wind that goes through you, sending cold shivers up and down your spine and making you draw your coat closer about you and hurrying you on toward some sheltered spot, where the wind cannot penetrate and the warmth of a stove welcomes you—that is, if there is any fire in it.

Christmas! B-R-R-R! Six millions out of work in North America and a wind like that! Twenty million men, women and children will have little enough Christmas Cheer in 1931.

Ah, yes! The weather is seasonable, but for these twenty millions it is far more to the point that the Christmas spirit of kindly helpfulness is seasonable, too. The "milk of human kindness" can temper the bitter coldness of the wind.

B-R-R-R! But the wind is cold! Listen! Why do the bells ring as if there was something to be glad about? and a wind like that! "Joy to the world!" Ugh! Some folks seem to have so much joy they have forgotten to pass it to plates.

Listen! Somebody's speaking! "Behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Ha! If they would only make him their "Lord," their "King," there would be something to be glad about. Ugh!—hamperers are easier.

There they go again! Bells, bells! Everywhere bells! Why don't they quit? That hamper will be empty in the morning.

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come."

Let each receive her King.

Yes. Let's make Him King in the city. We won't need hamperers then; they get empty too quick. He will help us build a new world in which man don't fear unemployment or the results to his loved ones through his being laid aside by sickness, or even death.

Thank God for the hamperers. Thank God for the noise of a better way. I think the wind is moderating a little.

J. W. SMITH, B.D.,

Pastor of United Church, Blairmore.

"HAPPY CHRISTMAS"

HAPPY CHRISTMAS! How that oft repeated and familiar greeting is borne in fellowship, as we try, in our imperfect way, to "Keep the Feast."

May I quote a portion of the Christmas message of our Bishop of Calgary:

"I pray that in these times of depression, curtailment and necessary self discipline, we may all remember anew, how God came down on earth to dwell; in the narrowness and straits of a manger; in obscurity and poverty; so that by remembering again how the 'birth of Jesus was on this wise, we may with renewed faith and courage, give thanks unto Him for His great Glory' this Christmas Day."

The Song of the Angels at Bethlehem—"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill," is assuming a much deeper significance for us, as men and nations the world over are beginning to realize that, only through co-operation, fellowship, sacrifice and mutual love, can world peace be assured. This eternal principle did God manifest in the Christ Child on the first Christmas Day over two thousand years ago. Slowly and through great tribulation does the world approach its Redeemer.

The stumbling block to world peace is moral rather than material; it is not arms but animosities; not cruelties, but cruelties; not guns, but greed. And just as we submit ourselves, our private as well as our public life, to the will of Him, who is the Prince of Peace; appropriate His spirit and govern our lives by His teaching, will the nations of the world find any valid reason for abolishing war, which is a symptom of a diseased mental attitude.

So, let us pray earnestly, that this Christmas may be a happy one for all—happy indeed if spent with Him and in His way; and that each day of life may find us more like Him, and fashioned to His will.

With every good wish, I am,

Yours most sincerely in His service,

A. S. PARTINGTON,

Vicar of St. Luke's, Blairmore

TRANS-CANADA TELEPHONE

General satisfaction is expressed from all parts of Alberta with the new trans-Canada telephone system, with which Blairmore has the good fortune to be connected by a main and fully equipped station. The trans-Canada line in Alberta goes to Medicine Hat, to Macleod and Blairmore, through the Crows' Nest Pass to Vancouver, so that it can be tapped here,

but cannot be tapped at Calgary. Westward, it returns to Blairmore, passes through Macleod (not being tapped there), and on to Calgary. Strathmore and Medicine Hat. Lethbridge is connected by direct line with Calgary.

Between Calgary and Vancouver there are four lines, the carrier line about the mystery in the office. But for days she'd had a feeling that strange hands had arranged things at her desk. She wasn't positive at first. There was something so strange

A Christmas Spirit

by Clara Agee Hays

LAURA BHAPORE halted in almost superhuman amazement. "Bertha!" she gasped. "What's happened—again!" Bertha dropped the letters she was sorting and hurried to the door.

"Laura!" her tone expressed awe and disbelief. "Are you sure?" "Perfectly. Aren't you?" Bertha's eyes narrowed reflectively.

"Yes!" For a moment the two stared at each other in tight-lipped silence. "Did you see anyone when you came to work?"

Bertha shook her head. "Not a soul. The building was locked." "If it weren't so near Christmas and the whole force working overtime, it would be easier to imagine."

From her brown curls and sparkling eyes to her slim ankles Laura was beautiful and genuine. Because she never posed she wasn't self-conscious. That may have been her charm, and why—in spite of her youth—Culver had elected her postmistress.

"Imagine a young girl running a post office!" some said. "But immediately they added, 'Laura can do it if anybody can!'"

And Laura had been doing it. She had to. Aunt Juley had left her only a small annuity and the use of the old residence for five years, at which time it went to some charity. That was all.

No, it wasn't quite all. And strange as it may seem, this legacy to another, was apparently causing all the trouble. Even the office mystery had begun at about the time of the disappearance of the grandfather clock. Laura loved that clock. It recalled childhood associations. Maybe that was why perverse old Aunt Juley, dying, had made her promise to repair it for an Ernest Hamilton, the son of Aunt Juley's childhood chum.

"The boy was always good to me when I visited his mother," Aunt Juley explained.

Restoring it would cost unbelievably. Aunt Juley hadn't provided for that, and Laura was saving every penny toward it.

But by Christmas she'd have enough to send to Ernest Hamilton, a total stranger, the most expensive present she had ever bought.

"With my first of December check I'm going to send it to the clock-makers," she told Bertha and Bob, her two best friends.

But one morning just before that Laura had missed the old clock! It was an awful feeling. She couldn't believe it. Neither could Mrs. Adams, the caretaker's wife.

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about it that Laura's nerves tightened. "I'm going to find out about this," she determined.

When Bob waited as he always did to stroll the seven blocks to her corner, he exclaimed: "Laura, you're pale! You ought to get more help during Christmas week. I'd help free of charge."

"It's 'agin' the law," Bob. Thanks anyway. Laura smiled into his serious eyes.

Bob was tall and straight and good looking. He'd been practicing law in



"So, Robert Howard! You! . . . A Common Thief!"

Culver for almost a year and Culver people were saying, "At last there's a fellow good enough for Laura—only it's funny he'd settle here. All our boys with any grit go to the city."

"A lawyer's got to start in a small place," Bob explained to Laura. But Bob never intimated that she was more to him than a very good friend. And Laura tried to make herself regard him as in calm a light.

Three nights, without telling either Bob or Bertha, Laura had hidden in her office.

Then it had happened. The light burning over the safe had thrown everything into grotesque shadow. Great heaps of Christmas packages became vague ghosts. Into that silence, a sound! Laura drew back. The door had opened!

Slowly a circle of light advanced. Behind it a shadow. It reached her desk. Laura suppressed a scream. She switched on a light.

In horror and amazement, the two faced each other speechless. He dropped his flashlight.

Laura's lips trembled from a sudden deep hurt.

"So, Robert Howard! You! . . . A common thief!"

"Laura—!"

"Tell me, now, about my clock. You're the only person—"

"All right!" The man before her tightened his jaw.

"How did you get in?"

"That night you left your purse in my car. I had keys copied after yours. . . . I—I really earnest Hamilton."

Laura gasped. "Then why steal it?"

"After you'd told me how you were saving, and I saw how determined you were to keep your promise. I thought I'd get it restored, pay the bill, and return it without your ever knowing you'd done it. I couldn't bear to have your money that way."

"But—!"

"You said, once, the old description of the clock was in your desk. It's all done now, but one detail. I was trying to find it for the man."

Unbelief and relieved hope played over Laura's face. "If you're Ernest Hamilton, why come to Culver as—"

Resolutely the young man reached into his pocket. "You never saw your aunt's will."

"No. The lawyer said she asked that it be shown to no one for a year or—"

He nodded. "Here's why—a copy of it. She said you were stubborn."

Laura read. . . . If Ernest Hamilton will marry my niece before the year is out, my entire estate will go to them instead of to charities."

"I wanted to see you. And after I had, and knew you for yourself, I couldn't," tenderness moved in his eyes. "I couldn't even ask you until that year was up. I wanted you to know that I didn't."

Again Laura's heart sang. The radiance which returns to youth so easily reflected in her eyes.

"Bob!" her heart spoke the name. "I'll be busy Christmas, but what plans have you for the Sunday before New Year's?"

"Why, none. . . . I—"

She threw back her head and smiled a happy eager smile. "Neither have I!"

Ernest Hamilton stood bewildered for a moment. Then over his serious, handsome face moved the comprehension of a great happiness. He opened his arms. "Laura! Laura, dear!" And it was his heart, too, which spoke.

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Webster Brothers, of Pincher Creek, are opening a branch store at Coleman, in the premises next and west of the Palm Confectionery.

Commenting on a recent funeral, The Worker states that "deceased" was buried with the usual minor rights."

Natal, B.C., can now boast of a regular water system. A dam has been built and pipes laid to different parts of the town. Water pressure at the present time registers 72 pounds.

Did you ever notice that the only thing never encased is a speech.

The Falconwood hospital for the insane at Charlottetown, P.E.I., was destroyed by fire on Monday night with the loss of at least five lives.

Damage done is estimated at \$480,000.

Scottish Barber (engaging assistant): "But people get their hair cut just the same."

Applicant: "But you don't have to let them on w' their overcoats."



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

We are asked by the officials of Blairmore Local Unit No. 1, District 1 of the Mine Workers' Union of Canada, to announce that the annual Christmas Tree will be held in Blairmore on Tuesday, December 22nd, at 7 p.m., followed by a grand concert, and to request that all children bring their tickets.

This is an event to which all children in the community are anxiously looking forward. There are presents and good things for all. Latest movements of Santa Claus have not been announced, but with an ox team he should be nearing Pincher Creek by now.

FIRST CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards, boxes and presents are a survival of the Strenuous Rome-January 1—and were bitterly opposed by early Christian fathers.

From the beginning of the middle of the nineteenth century "school pieces" or "Christmas pieces," the forerunner of the card of today, were popular. These were sheets of paper, sometimes surrounded by birds, scrolls and other specimens of elaborate penmanship made by boys at holiday time to prove their progress in the art of writing.

Joseph Cundall, a London artist, is said to have issued the first Christmas card proper in 1846. It was the size of a woman's visiting card, and was printed in lithography and colored by hand. About 1862 the custom obtained a first foothold, most of the cards being small and containing merely the greetings, "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year." Later Little Red Riding Hood, robins and snow began to play a prominent part in the decoration.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

The shoppers gay are out today;
In the quest of toy and notion!
In endless throng they surge along
Like waves upon the ocean!
With laugh and joke, these merry folk
Blockade the thoroughfare!
They walk the streets with aching feet;

But gay and festive air!
Without a stop; they enter shop,
And stall, and busy store;
With sundry pack and box and sack;
Yet buying more and more!
They crowd the lifts and aisles for gifts
For brother, son and "auntie!"
Ah, glad some heart that plays the part
Of—helper to "Old Santa!"

POST OFFICE NOT
OPEN CHRISTMAS OR
NEW YEAR'S DAY

Postal regulations provide that Post Offices must be kept open to the public for at least one hour on statutory holidays, and mails received and despatched as usual on such occasions. The Postmaster General, however, has consented to relax the regulations as far as service to the public is concerned on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and postmasters may therefore close their offices all day on the two holidays mentioned, on the understanding that incoming and outgoing mails are dealt with as usual, and that due notice is given the public beforehand.

May the New Year be Brighter
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Fresh Pork Shoulder Steak, 2 lbs	25c
Fresh Side Pork, per lb	10c
Fresh Tomato Sausage, 2 lbs	35c
Fresh Pork Sausage, 2 lbs	25c

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2 lbs Pork Sausage
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5's	65c
10's	\$1.25
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(Come in and make your selection now and we will keep it for you until required)

Choice T-Bone or Sirloin Roasts, per lb	18c
Choice T-Bone or Sirloin Steak, per lb	20c
Choice Round Steak, per lb	15c
Choice Hamburg Steak, per lb	10c
Choice Shoulder Roasts of Beef, per lb	11c
Choice Leg Roasts of Veal, lb	20c
Choice Loin Roasts of Veal, lb	18c
Choice Shoulder Roasts of Veal, per lb	13c
Choice Veal Chops, per lb	20c
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Choice Lamb Chops, per lb	23c

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THE EVENT OF THE SEASON

Blairmore Elks' 8th Annual Dance
Columbus Hall (Opera House) Blairmore
NEW YEAR'S EVE
Thursday, December 31st, 1931Dancing at 9 p.m. - Streamers-Confetti-Noise-makers - Midnight Supper
: Music by Altermatt Orchestra :
Couple \$1.50 - Extra Lady 50c - Gallery 25c

Come and Dance the Old Year Out and the New Year In

YULE-LOG A PAGAN CUSTOM

There is something of the pagan and the primitive in every one of us, and there are few people who do not find keen enjoyment and delight in watching the fantastic play of sparks and flames in an open fire. At this season of the year the mere mention of the Yule-Log suggests warmth, comfort, good will and happy gatherings; but it may not be generally known that this custom of burning the Yule-Log is an old pagan practice which used to be celebrated on the day of the Roman feast of the birth of Sol, on the 25th of December.

This Christmas ceremony spread to many countries and nations, and was directly transmitted to us by our Scandinavian ancestors, who at the feast of Jul, at the winter solstice, used to kindle huge bonfires in honor of their God Thor. In feudal times in Merrie England the bringing in and placing of the ponderous log on the hearth was the most joyous of ceremonies. The venerable log, destined to crackle a welcome to all comers, was drawn in triumph from the heart of the forest. Each wayfarer raised his hat as he passed, knowing that it was full of good promises and that its flame would burn out old wrongs and cause the liquor to bubble in the wassail bowl, that was quaffed to the drowning of ancient feuds.

Then after having served its purpose on Christmas Eve, it was carefully preserved until the next Christmas, when its charred remains were used to light the new Yule-Log.

While much of the pomp and pageantry of this ceremony has been lost, the Yule-Log does call to mind the tenderest of ties. It suggests "every one a Home" and its "ain fire-side," where as a little child he used to hang his stockings for Santa Claus to fill.

And at no other season of the year do the home fires burn so brightly. For at Christmastide love attends them, awaiting the return of the various members of the family from far and near.

SANTA, SAINT NICHOLAS
AND CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY

Whoever says there is no Santa Claus is mistaken.

He was a man of great kindness and generosity, with a deep love for children.

Such was his hold on the hearts of the people that after he died, December 6, about 1,600 years ago, the date was set aside as a feast and gift day, in commemoration of his life.

His name was Nicholas. After his death folks called him Saint Nicholas. As the feast and gift-giving day of St Nicholas spread, the Dutch took it up. The nearest they could come to St. Nicholas was Santa Claus.

As time rolled on, December 6th, the feast day of Santa Claus, giver of gifts, and December 25th, the feast day of Christ, giver of life, became confused in the minds of the people, and eventually the two festivals were combined.

Thus the idea became established that on the eve of the birth of the Christ Child there comes out of the frozen north, with sleighs and reindeer, genial Santa Claus, with gifts.

When persons tell children "Santa Claus brought you this," they are speaking the truth. For the spirit of Santa Claus that still lives prompted the gift.—Wicks Femboldt.

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